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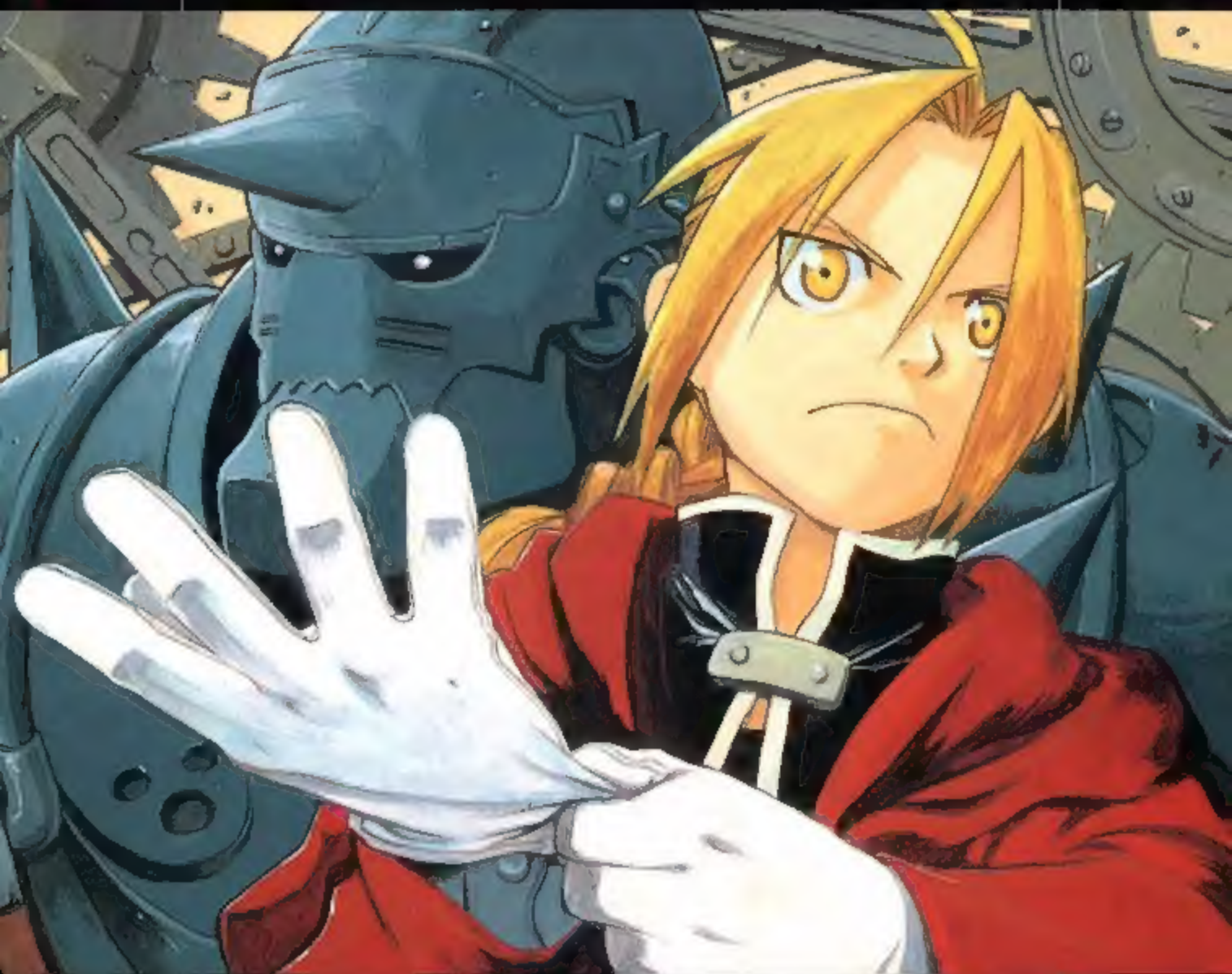

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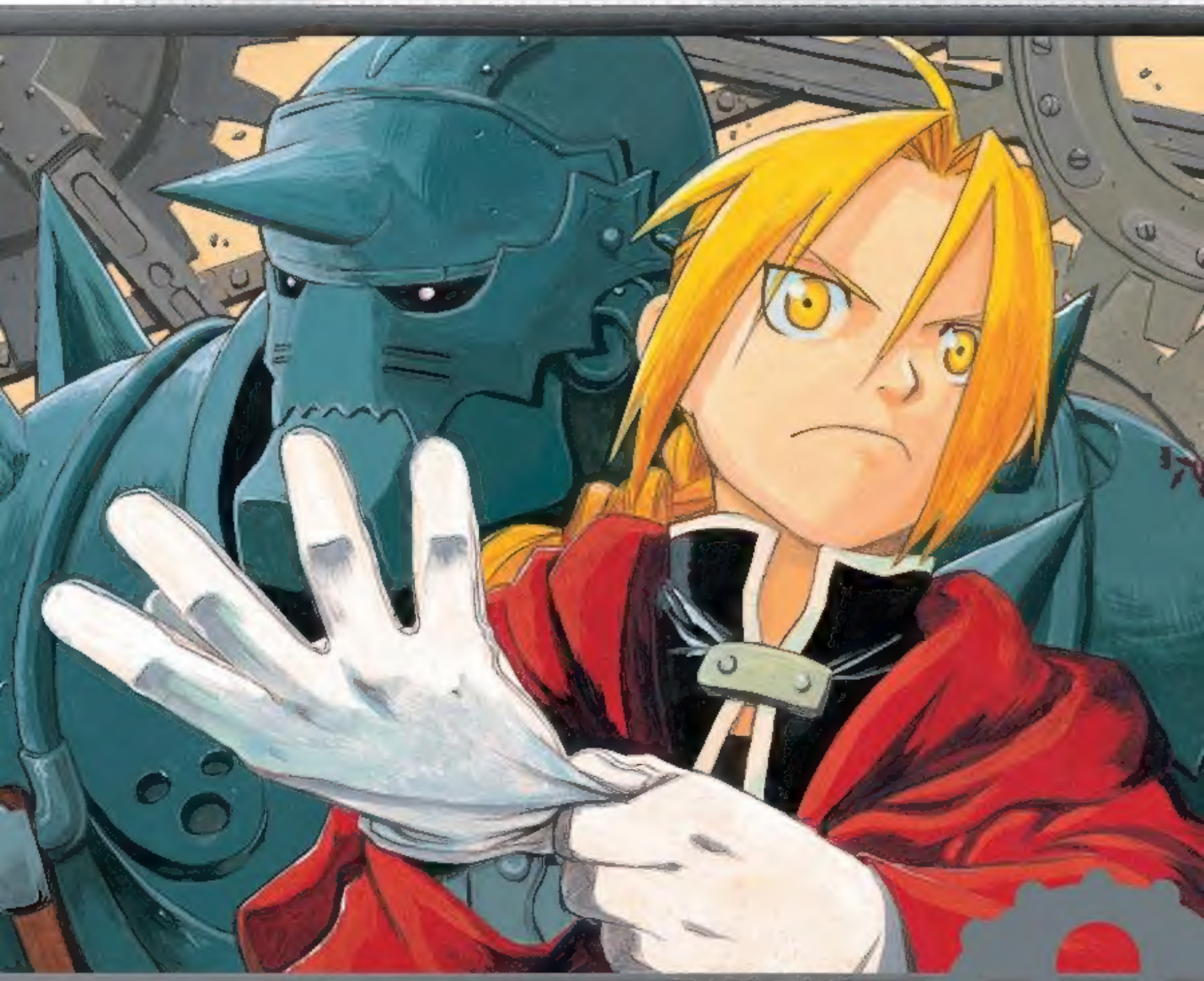

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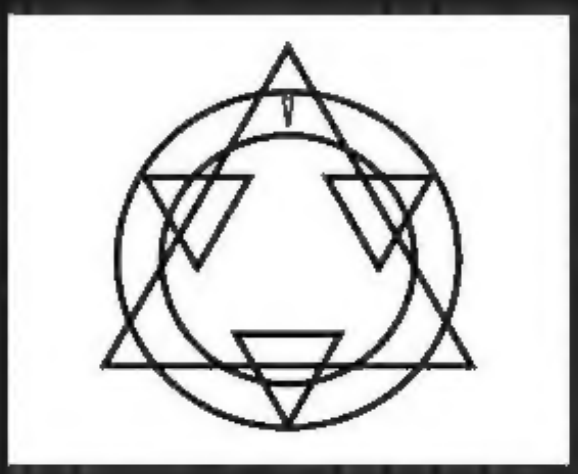
I love B movies. I love the way they make me think "What the hell is this?! That's crazy!" yet still draw me in so that I watch the whole thing. I really like that feeling, and I like to bring a little of that kind of over-the-top flavor into my own manga. That was the initial idea that gave birth to volume 1 of this alchemy manga. Thank you for picking it up. As you read it, please criticize it by saying to yourself "What kind of alchemy is that?!"

—Hiromu Arakawa, 2002



Born in Hokkaido (northern Japan), Hiromu Arakawa first attracted national attention in 1999 with her award-winning manga **Stray Dog**. Her series **Fullmetal Alchemist** debuted in 2001 in Square Enix's monthly manga anthology **Shonen Gangan**.

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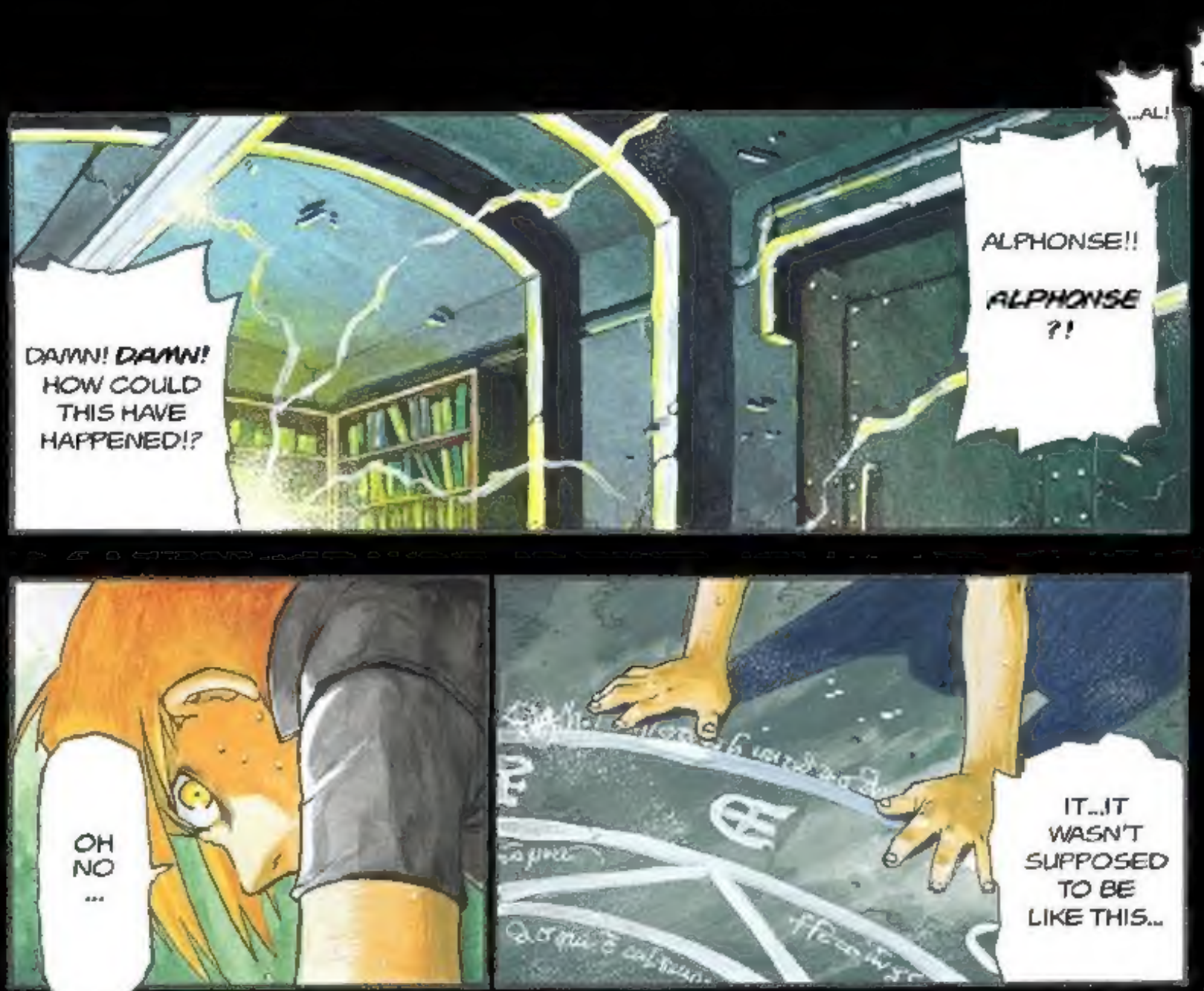

TEACHINGS THAT DO NOT SPEAK OF PAIN HAVE NO MEANING...

...BECAUSE HUMANKIND CANNOT GAIN ANYTHING WITHOUT FIRST GIVING SOMETHING IN RETURN.

Chapter 1:
The Two Alchemists

FULLMETAL
ALCHEMIST

THE SUN GOD LETO WILL ILLUMINATE THY PATH.

BEHOLD! THE LORD HATH DESCENDED FROM HIS HEAVENLY THRONE TO SAVE THEE FROM ALL THY SINS.

CHILDREN OF GOD WHO DWELL ON THE EARTH...

THERE IS NO SALVATION WITHOUT PRAYER AND FAITH.

SAMI-NAREE
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"EMISSARY OF THE SUN GOD"?

WHAT THE HECK IS *THAT*?

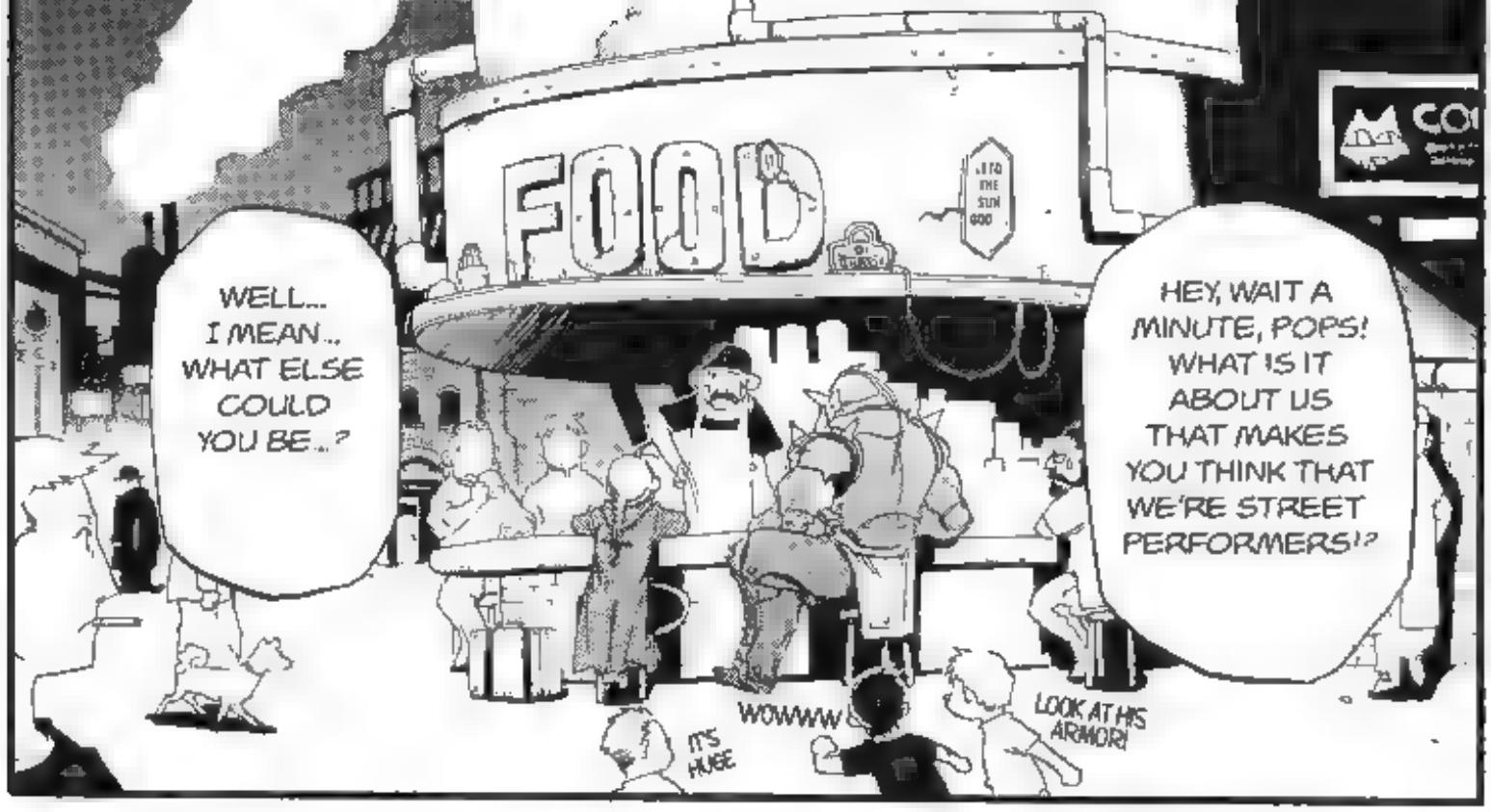
FOR I AM THY FATHER... I AM THE EMISSARY OF THE SUN GOD...

...A RELIGIOUS BROADCAST ON THE RADIO?

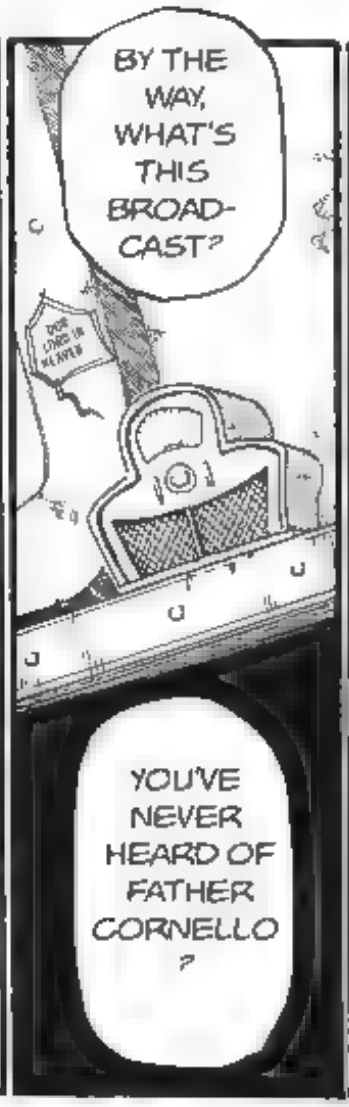
ACTUALLY, I WAS GOING TO ASK THE SAME THING ABOUT YOU TWO..

SPEW

ARE YOU GUYS STREET PERFORMERS OR SOMETHING?


FOOD
WELL... I MEAN... WHAT ELSE COULD YOU BE..?
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE, POPS! WHAT IS IT ABOUT US THAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT WE'RE STREET PERFORMERS!?
WOWWW
IT'S HUGE
LOOK AT HIS ARMOR!

...WHO?
FATHER CORNELLO, THE SUN GOD LETO'S EMISSARY!


BY THE WAY, WHAT'S THIS BROAD-CAST?
YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF FATHER CORNELLO?

I HAVEN'T SEEN YOUR FACES AROUND HERE BEFORE.
ON A TRIP?
UH HUH. WE'RE TRYING TO TRACK SOME-THING DOWN.

THEY'RE REAL MIRACLES! IT'S THE WORK OF GOD!
YEAH, HE S AMAZING!
HE'S A WONDERFUL MAN WHO CAME TO THIS TOWN A FEW YEARS AGO AND SHOWED US ALL THE WAY OF GOD.
HE'S THE FOUNDER OF THE CHURCH OF LETO. HE CAN WORK MIRACLES!

BUMP
OKAY.
THANKS FOR THE EATS. LET'S GO.
NOPE. I'M AGNOSTIC.
SLOUCH
...YOU'RE NOT LISTENING, ARE YOU KID?
OUR BAD. DON'T WORRY, WE'LL FIX IT RIGHT AWAY.
HEY! COULD YOU PLEASE BE MORE CAREFUL, SIR?
FRANKLY, YOU SHOULDN'T WALK AROUND WEARING THAT SUIT...
AW MAN, THE RADIO'S TRASHED
OOPS.
WHIFF
AAAAAH!!!
BASH
SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
JUST SIT BACK AND WATCH.
YOU THINK YOU CAN FIX IT...?

OKAY, ALL SET!

?

HERE WE GO...

WHA...?

AAGH?!

BOOM!!

FSSSHH

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HOW'S THAT?

MIRACLES?

CAN YOU WORK MIRACLES ?!

THAT... THAT'S AMAZING !

WE'RE THE ELRIC BROTHERS. A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE HEARD OF US.

WE'RE JUST ALCHE-MISTS.

GAB GAB

THEY SAY THE OLDER BROTHER IS A STATE ALCHEMIST THEY CALL...

YEAH, *I'VE* HEARD OF YOU GUYS!

ELRIC, EH,.. THE ELRIC BROTHERS ?

OH, I GET IT! THEY CALL YOU "FULLMETAL" BECAUSE YOU WEAR THIS ARMOR!

WOW

SO, *YOU'RE* THE MASTER ALCHEMIST THAT EVERY-ONE'S TALKING ABOUT!!

WOW COOL

CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH

..THE *"FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST,"* EDWARD ELRIC !!

YES!

YOU MEAN THE *LITTLE* GUY?

HUH ?

UH, NO... IT'S NOT *ME*. IT'S HIM!

IT'S *ME!* I'M THE "FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST"!! EDWARD ELRIC!!!

I'M THE YOUNGER BROTHER, ALPHONSE ELRIC.

I'M NOT LITTLE! DON'T CALL ME MIDGET! OR SHORTY! OR SHRIMP!

SMASH CRASH

WE DIDN'T SAY ANY OF THAT!

SORRY ABOUT THAT..

S...

OH HELLO, ROSÉ.

MY, YOU'RE BUSY TODAY.

GOOD DAY, SIR.

YEAH, THEY'RE ALCHEMISTS... THEY SAY THEY'RE LOOKING FOR SOME-THING.

OH, SOME NEW FACES...

HELLO

UH-HUH, WITH SOME OFFERINGS.

THE USUAL PLEASE

GOING TO THE TEMPLE TODAY?

UH-HUH, AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO THE FATHER.

ROSÉ'S BECOME SO HAPPY LATELY.

MAY LETO BLESS YOU!

I HOPE YOU FIND WHAT YOU'RE SEARCHING FOR

IT WAS HARD TO SEE HER SO SAD. I FELT REALLY BAD FOR HER.

NOT ONLY DOES THAT GIRL HAVE NO FAMILY, BUT SHE LOST HER BOYFRIEND LAST YEAR IN AN ACCIDENT...

HUH?

I DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT...

"RAISE THE DEAD," HUH...

I TELL YOU, PRAY AND HAVE FAITH.

ALL THY PRAYERS WILL BE ANSWERED...

THAT'S WHEN SHE WAS SAVED BY FATHER CORNELLO! HE TAUGHT HER ABOUT THE SUN GOD LETO!

PREACH ON! HE RAISES THE DEAD, AND THE SOULS OF HIS FAITHFUL LIVE FOREVER.

CORNELLO'S MIRACLES PROVE IT.

YOU SHOULD SEE THEM FOR YOURSELF! IT'S DEFINITELY THE POWER OF GOD!

YOUR HOLINESS

YES, THANK YOU, YOUR HOLINESS! IT'S ALWAYS AN HONOR TO HEAR YOU PREACH.

A FINE SERMON, YOUR HOLINESS.

CLICK

OFF

...AND THE GRACE OF HIS LIGHT SHALL SHINE UPON ALL OF HIS CHILDREN.

UM... BY THE WAY, FATHER...

WHEN WILL YOU BE ABLE TO..?

NO, I'M JUST DOING MY DUTY.

OH, IT'S YOU, ROSÉ MY, SO DEDICATED. YOU'RE AN EXAMPLE TO US ALL.

THEN..

GOD HAS SEEN YOUR GOOD DEEDS.

YES, I KNOW WHAT IT IS YOU ASK.

YOU UNDER-STAND, DON'T YOU?

BUT IT IS NOT YET ***TIME***, ROSÉ

YOU'RE RIGHT...

NOT YET...

...YES, FATHER.

HMM?

THAT'S A GOOD GIRL, ROSÉ.

NAW... SORRY, BUT I'M NOT RELIGIOUS.

ARE YOU GOING TO JOIN THE CHURCH OF LETO?

OH, YOU TWO AGAIN!

THAT'S NOT A REAL ANSWER! IF YOU BELIEVE IN GOD, YOU CAN LIVE WITH HOPE AND GRATITUDE EVERY DAY. IT'S WONDERFUL!

DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT IF YOU PRAY TO GOD THE DEAD WILL COME BACK TO LIFE?

SHE'S NOT SAYING T TO BE MEAN.

EASY EASY

WHAT WAS THAT?

MIRACLES DO HAPPEN!

IF YOU HAVE FAITH, YOU'LL GROW TALLER FOR SURE!

SHEESH... HOW CAN YOU HONESTLY BELIEVE THESE THINGS?

I DO...

YES.

MODERN SCIENCE KNOWS ALL OF THIS, BUT THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A SINGLE EXAMPLE OF SUCCESSFUL HUMAN TRANSMUT-ATION.

THAT'S THE TOTAL CHEMICAL MAKEUP OF THE AVERAGE ADULT BODY.

WATER: 35 LITERS. CARBON: 20 KG. AMMONIA: 4 LITERS. LIME: 1.5 KG.

PHOSPHORUS: 800 G. SALT: 250 G. SALTPETER: 100 G. SULFUR: 80 G. FLUORINE: 7.5 G. IRON: 5 G. SILICON: 3 G. AND 15 OTHER ELEMENTS IN SMALL QUANTITIES...

...HUH?

SCIENTISTS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FIND IT FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS, POURING TONS OF MONEY INTO RESEARCH, AND TO THIS DAY THEY DON'T HAVE A THEORY

IT'S LIKE THERE'S SOME ***MISSING INGRE-DIENT***...

THEY SAY SCIENCE IS A LOST CAUSE, BUT I THINK IT'S BETTER THAN SITTING AROUND PRAYING AND WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO HAPPEN.

AHA HA HA!

PEOPLE AREN'T *OBJECTS!* THAT'S AN INSULT TO THE CREATOR! GOD WILL PUNISH YOU FOR SAYING THINGS LIKE THAT!!

HUMANS ARE PRETTY CHEAPLY MADE.

...IS ALL JUNK THAT YOU CAN BUY IN ANY MARKET WITH A CHILD'S ALLOWANCE.

!

FOR THAT MATTER, THE ELEMENTS FOUND IN A HUMAN BEING...

WE STRIVE TO UNCOVER THE PRINCIPLES OF CREATION IN THE MATTER OF THIS WORLD, TO PURSUE TRUTH...

ALCHEMISTS ARE SCIENTISTS. WE DON'T BELIEVE IN UNPROVABLE CONCEPTS LIKE "GOD."

hmph

IT'S IRONIC THAT WE SCIENTISTS... WHO DON'T BELIEVE IN GOD...ARE IN A SENSE THE CLOSEST THINGS TO HIM.

ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU ARE GOD'S EQUAL?

WHAT PRIDE ..

WELL... IT'S LIKE THAT MYTH ABOUT THE HERO...

HE MADE WINGS OUT OF WAX SO HE COULD FLY... BUT WHEN HE GOT TOO CLOSE TO THE SUN... TO GOD... THE WAX MELTED AND HE CRASHED TO THE GROUND...

?

HURRAH

YOUR HOLI-NESS !

FSSSSH

BOOM

GIVE US A MIRACLE !

YOUR HOLI-NESS !

...WHAT DO YOU THINK?

YAAAY

OH.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE LAWS...?

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT TOO.

THAT KIND OF TRANS-MUTATION HAS TO BE ALCHEMY.

SO, YOU CAME TO SEE HIM AFTER ALL!

SEE!? HE ***DOES*** HAVE MIRACULOUS POWERS. FATHER CORNELLO IS THE SUN GOD'S CHILD!

"THE LAWS?"

YEAH... THAT'S THE PROBLEM RIGHT THERE.

BUT HE CAN BYPASS THE LAWS FOR SOME REASON.

GRRR

COR-NELLO'S A FRAUD.

NAW, THAT'S ALCHEMY, NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT.

...BUT IN REALITY THERE ARE CERTAIN CONCRETE LAWS.

MOST PEOPLE THINK THAT ALCHEMY CAN DO ANYTHING AND CREATE WHATEVER YOU WANT...

A SUBSTANCE CAN ONLY BE CREATED FROM THE SAME TYPE OF SUBSTANCE. FOR EXAMPLE, IF SOMETHING'S MOSTLY WATER, YOU CAN ONLY USE IT TO MAKE OTHER THINGS WITH THE ATTRIBUTES OF WATER.

UM... LET ME TRY.

?

?

?

DUHH

DUHH

I GUESS THE TWO BIG CONCEPTS ARE "*THE LAW OF CONSERVATION OF MASS*" AND "*THE LAW OF NATURAL PROVIDENCE.*"

BUT THAT OLD GUY IS MAKING TOO MUCH OUT OF TOO LITTLE... ALCHEMY-WISE, THAT'S BREAKING THE LAW.

SEE? SO WHY DON'T YOU TWO JUST HAVE FAITH THAT IT'S A MIRACLE ALREADY ?!

IN OTHER WORDS, THE BASICS OF ALCHEMY IS THE "EQUIVALENT EXCHANGE"!

THAT MEANS THAT TO OBTAIN SOMETHING, SOMETHING OF EQUAL VALUE MUST BE LOST.

BIG BROTHER. DO YOU THINK..?

YEAH, I DO.

ALTHOUGH SOME ALCHEMISTS CONJURE WITH THE FOUR ELEMENTS, OR WITH THE THREE PRINCIPLES ...

I THINK WE'VE FOUND IT.

OH MY! SO YOU'RE FINALLY STARTING TO BELIEVE !

SPIN

I'D *LOVE* TO SPEAK TO HIS HOLINESS. DO YOU THINK YOU COULD TAKE ME TO HIM?

HEY LADY, I'M STARTING TO GET INTERESTED IN THIS RELIGION !

YOUR HOLINESS, THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE HERE WHO ARE REQUESTING AN AUDIENCE WITH YOU.

GONG

GONG

I'M BUSY- SEND THEM AWAY.

WHAT ?

IT'S A BOY AND A MAN IN A SUIT OF ARMOR. THEY SAY THEY'RE THE ELRIC BROTHERS...

AAGGH..! THIS IS BAD!

YES, IT WAS THE BOY WHO CALLED HIMSELF THAT... DO YOU KNOW HIM?

EDWARD ELRIC !?

WAIT, HOLD ON. THE ELRIC BROTH- ERS ?

!

WHA... ?

BUT HE'S A LITTLE BRAT, ONLY THIS HIGH! YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT!?

FOOL! ALCHEMICAL SKILL HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH AGE!

!!

IT'S EDWARD ELRIC... THE *FULL- METAL ALCHEMIST* !

SO..THE RUMORS ABOUT THIS BRAT WERE REALLY TRUE..

I HAD HEARD THAT HE OBTAINED THE TITLE OF STATE ALCHEMIST AT AGE 12..

SHALL WE CHASE THEM AWAY?

NO, THAT WOULD CAUSE MORE SUSPICION.

AND EVEN IF WE DID CHASE THEM AWAY, THEY'D COME BACK...AND BRING MORE.

IT SEEMS THE DOGS OF THE MILITARY HAVE GOOD NOSES.

WHAT IS A STATE ALCHEMIST DOING HERE!?

COULD IT BE THAT OUR PLAN...

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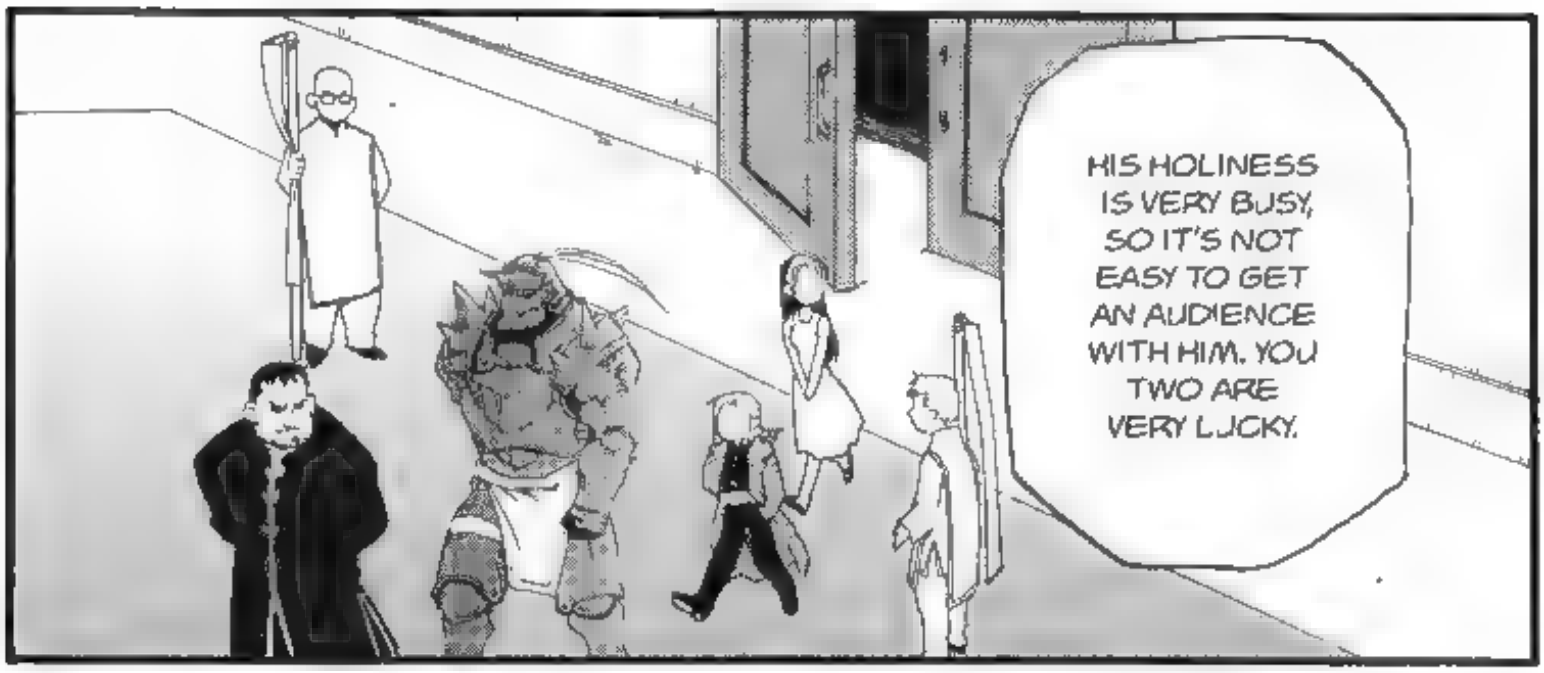
HOW DOES THAT SOUND?

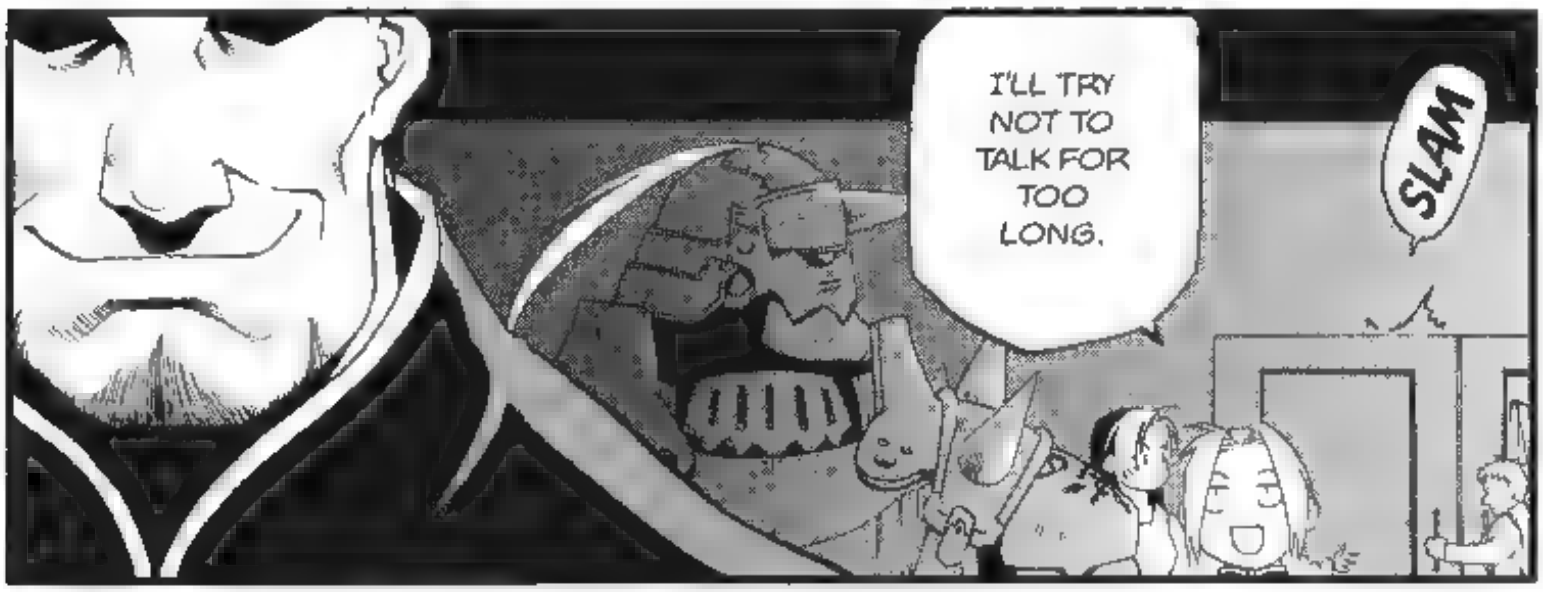
LET'S JUST SAY...*THEY NEVER CAME HERE.*

PLEASE, COME THIS WAY.

IT SHALL BE AS GOD WILLS...

SMIRK


HIS HOLINESS IS VERY BUSY, SO IT'S NOT EASY TO GET AN AUDIENCE WITH HIM. YOU TWO ARE VERY LUCKY.


I'LL TRY NOT TO TALK FOR TOO LONG.
SLAM

YES, LET'S END IT RIGHT AWAY.
LIKE THIS !
CLANG

BLAM
GA-KLANK
TONG

ROSÉ, THESE ARE HEATHENS THAT WERE TRYING TO ENTRAP HIS HOLINESS. THEY'RE EVIL.

BROTHER CRAY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING !!?

WSH

!

HE *DID* ALLOW IT !

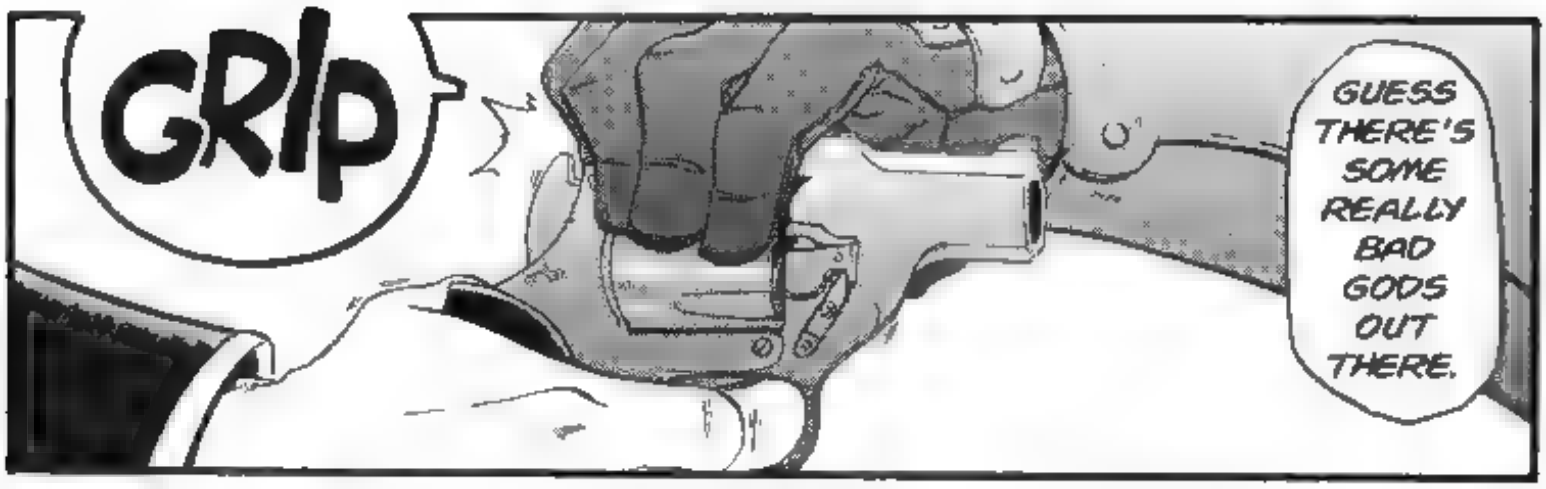
WHAT!? BUT HIS HOLINESS WOULD NEVER LET YOU DO THIS...LET YOU...

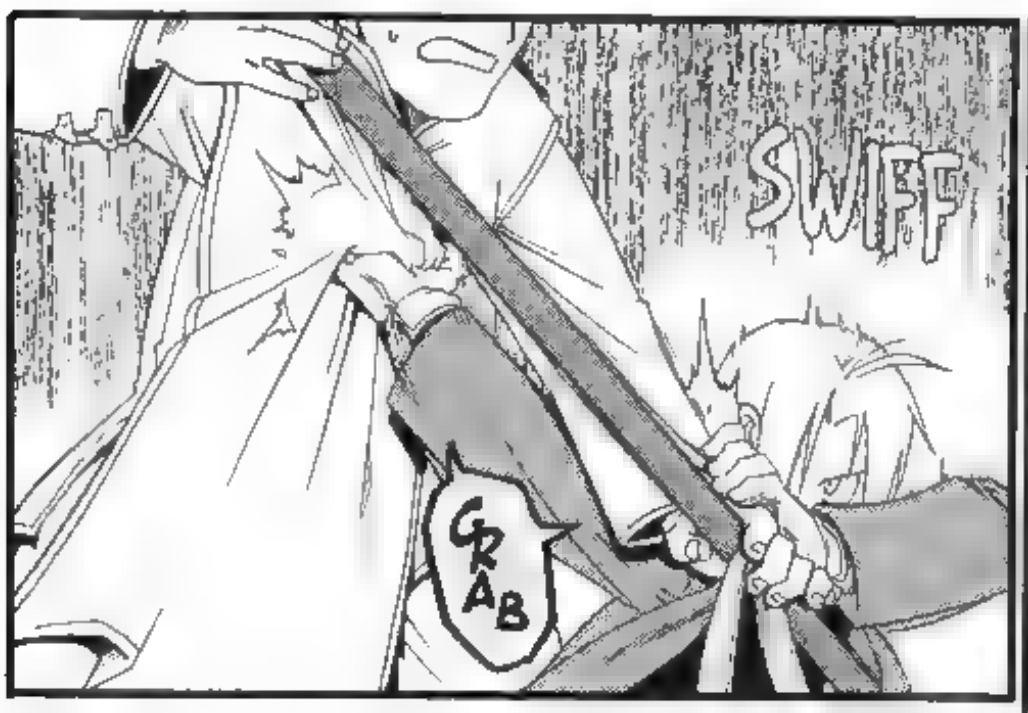
HMM...

CHIK

THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD !

THE WORDS OF HIS HOLINESS ARE THE WORDS OF GOD.


GRIP
GUESS THERE'S SOME REALLY BAD GODS OUT THERE.


SWIFF
GRAB

WHA...
?

BABAM

CLONG

GWUFF !

AAAGGH !

WHAT IS THIS ?!

WH... WH... WH..

MY HEAD.. !

STRIKE !

ALL RIGHT "

IT'S JUST WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE.

NOTHING SPECIAL...

BANG BANG

...THAT THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU COMMIT THE GREATEST SIN... WHEN YOU TRESPASS IN GOD'S DOMAIN.

YOU MIGHT SAY..

TH..

THERE'S NOTHING INSIDE..

IT'S EMP-TY..!?

MY BIG BROTHER AND I BOTH...

WELL, LET'S JUST SAVE THAT STORY FOR ANOTHER TIME..

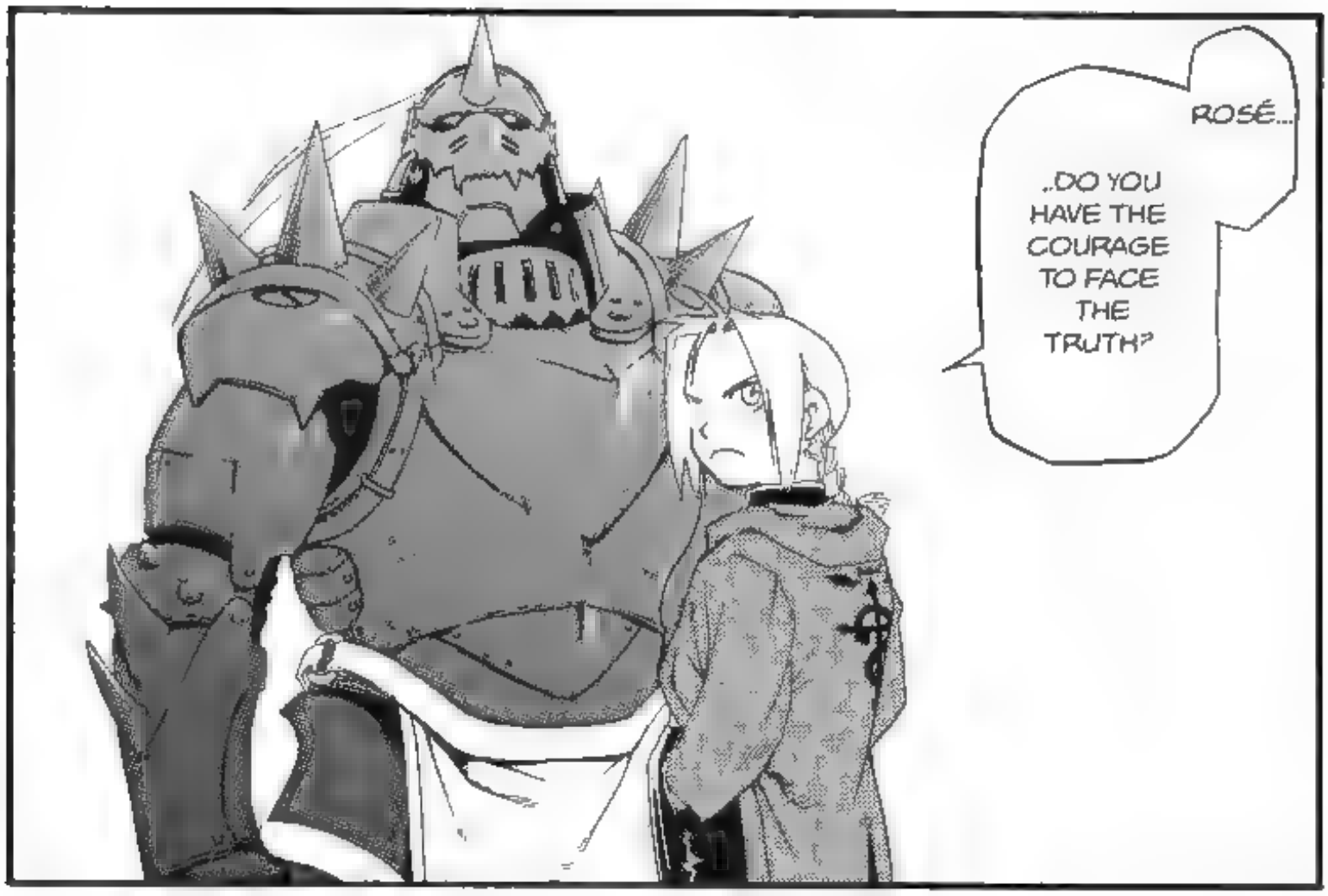
SCRATCH SCRATCH

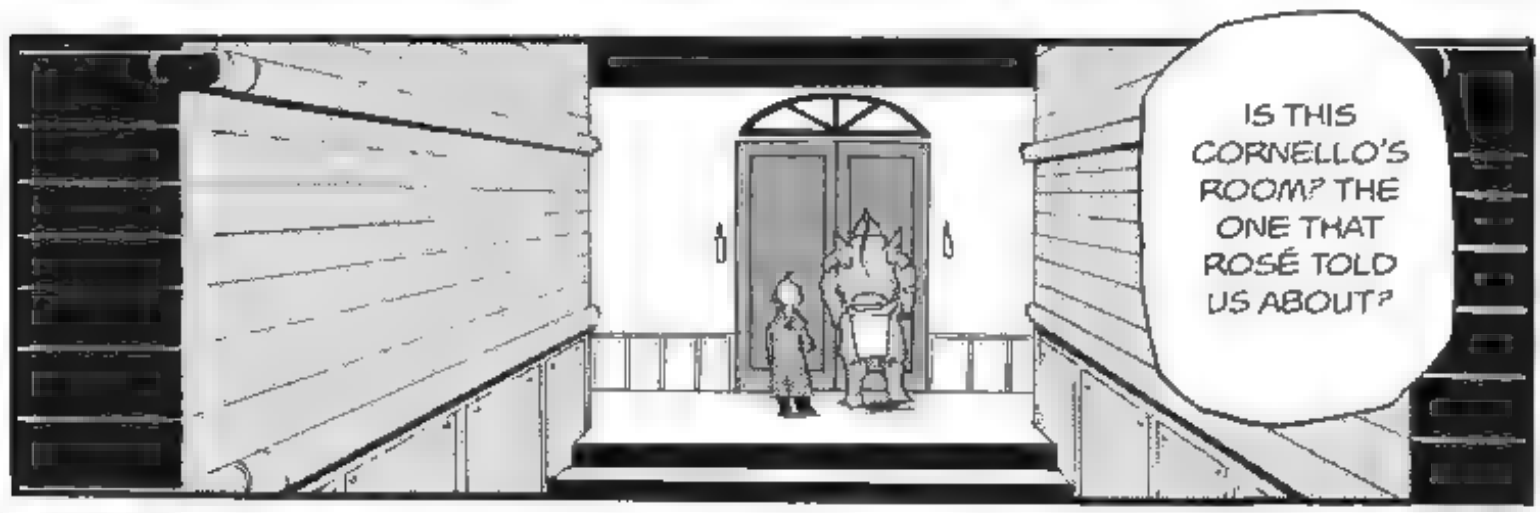
YOU TOO... EDWARD?

AWW, MAN.. SHE'S SEEN ALL THIS AND SHE STILL BELIEVES IN "HIS PHONINESS"?

NO! IT HAS TO BE SOME KIND OF MISTAKE!!

...ANYWAY, I GUESS *YOUR* GOD SHOWED HIS TRUE COLORS.


ROSÉ...
..DO YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO FACE THE TRUTH?


IS THIS CORNELLO'S ROOM? THE ONE THAT ROSÉ TOLD US ABOUT?

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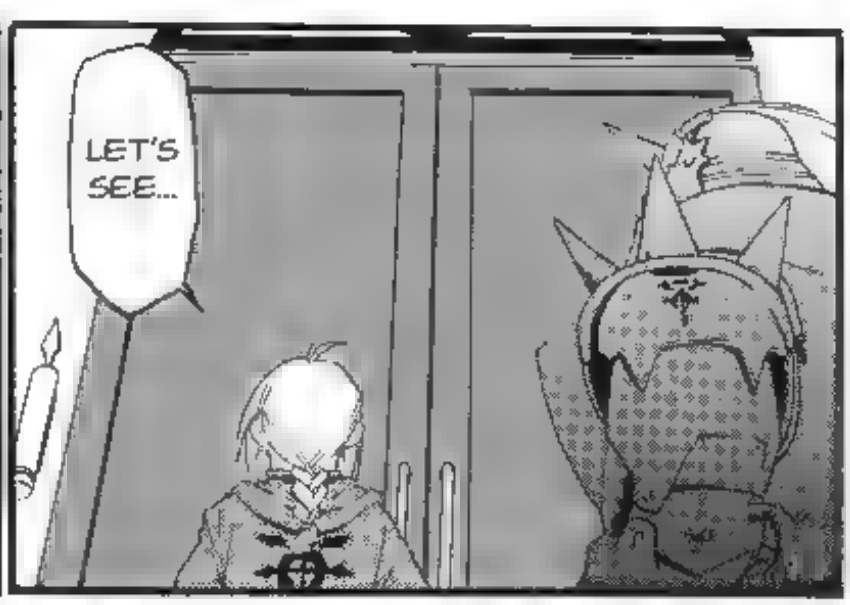

LET'S SEE...

HMPH.

I GUESS THAT MEANS "COME ON IN."

CREEEK

KER-SLAM

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE GREAT LETO.

YEAH, BY ALL MEANS TEACH US...

DID YOU COME TO HEAR ME PREACH? HMM?

PLEASE DON'T CONFUSE MY MIRACLES WITH ALCHEMY.

WELL... I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU MEAN.

...LIKE ABOUT HOW YOU USE YOUR LAME ALCHEMY TO DECEIVE YOUR FOLLOWERS!

THAT'S WHY I'M TELLING YOU IT'S ***NOT*** AL-CHEMY..

AND THEN IT CAME TO ME.

IF YOU SAW FOR YOURSELF YOU'D BE-LIEVE...

YEAH, I'VE SEEN IT ALL RIGHT..

...AND WHAT I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WAS HOW YOU'RE ABLE TO DO TRANSMUTATION THAT GOES AGAINST THE LAWS.

LIKE MAYBE... JUST MAYBE... IT'S THAT ***RING?***

TWIK

THAT'S HOW YOU DO IT, RIGHT?

THE PHILOSO-PHER'S STONE.

I GUESS YOU SAW THROUGH THE WHOLE THING.

HEH.. THE GOVERN-MENT GETS THEIR MONEY'S WORTH OUT OF YOU, DON'T THEY?

TWIK

WITH THIS, I CAN CONJURE AT THE MINIMUM PRICE, FOR THE MAXIMUM RESULT!

THE PHILOSO-PHER'S STONE, THE LEGENDARY CATALYST, THE AMPLIFIER OF ALL ALCHEMICAL PROCESSES.

CORRECT!

HOW LONG I'VE SEARCHED FOR THAT...

WHAT DO *YOU* WANT THE STONE FOR? MONEY? HONOR?

HMPH! WHAT'S THE JEALOUS LOOK IN YOUR EYES!?

WELL, I DO WANT MONEY, BUT I CAN GET THAT WITH ALMOST NO EFFORT... IN THE FORM OF DONATIONS FROM MY FLOCK.

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE MONEY.

IF IT'S MONEY YOU WANT YOU CAN MAKE AS MUCH AS YOU WANT WITH THE STONE.

WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHAT DO YOU GET OUT OF FOUNDING THIS PHONY RELIGION?

JUST WATCH! WITHIN A FEW YEARS TIME THIS ENTIRE NATION WILL BE MINE!

SOON I'LL HAVE *MORE* THAN ENOUGH PEOPLE!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!

WHAT I ***REALLY*** NEED ARE FOLLOWERS WHO WILL HAPPILY GIVE THEIR LIVES FOR ME.

THINK ABOUT IT! AN INVINCIBLE ARMY OF FANATICS WITH NO FEAR OF DEATH!

YOU KNOW, TO BE HONEST, I COULD CARE LESS ABOUT MY COUNTRY *OR* THE MILITARY.

YOU'D BETTER CARE! YOU'RE A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY, AFTER ALL!!

DON'T BELITTLE MY AMBITION BY SAYING YOU "DON'T CARE"!

WHAT !!?

WELL, FINE, BUT I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT THAT...

LET'S MOVE ON...

HMPH! YOU'D TRY TO BARGAIN WITH *ME...?*

MY FOLLOWERS WOULD NEVER BELIEVE THE WORDS OF AN OUTSIDER LIKE YOU!

IF YOU DO THAT, I'LL STAY QUIET ABOUT THE SCAM YOU'VE BEEN PULLING ON EVERY-BODY.

I'LL BE BLUNT! GIVE ME THE PHILOSO-PHER'S STONE!

THOSE IDIOTS WILL BELIEVE ANYTHING I TELL THEM! I'VE COMPLETELY FOOLED THEM!

WAHAHAHAHA

NO MATTER HOW MUCH NOISE YOU MAKE, NO MATTER WHAT EVIDENCE YOU HAVE, THEY'LL *NEVER* LISTEN TO YOU!

THE PEOPLE OF THIS TOWN *LOVE* ME! THEY THINK THAT MY WORDS COME FROM *GOD!*

BUT!

SNAP

YOU'RE RIGHT. YOUR FOLLOWERS WOULD NEVER LISTEN TO A WORD I SAY.

CLAP CLAP CLAP

THANKS FOR TELLING ME HOW YOU DO IT.

WOW... YOU *ARE* SMART!

BUT WHAT ABOUT *HER* WORDS?

CLANG

WHAT IS THE *MEANING* OF THIS...?

R-ROSÉ!?

WERE YOU FOOLING US THIS WHOLE TIME !?

YOUR MIRACLES AREN'T REAL? THE POWER OF GOD CAN'T GRANT MY WISH?

FATHER!! IS EVERY-THING YOU SAID JUST NOW TRUE!?

WHOA !

YOU CAN'T BRING MY DARLING BACK AGAIN !?

HMM... IT'S TRUE THAT I'M NOT GOD'S EMISSARY ..

...BUT WITH THIS STONE, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO TRANSMUTE LIVING BEINGS, WHICH SO MANY ALCHEMISTS HAVE TRIED AND FAILED.

ROSÉ, BE A GOOD GIRL AND COME HERE.

ROSÉ, DON'T LISTEN TO HIM!

ROSÉ, I WILL RESURRECT HIM!

WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU BELONG WITH US.

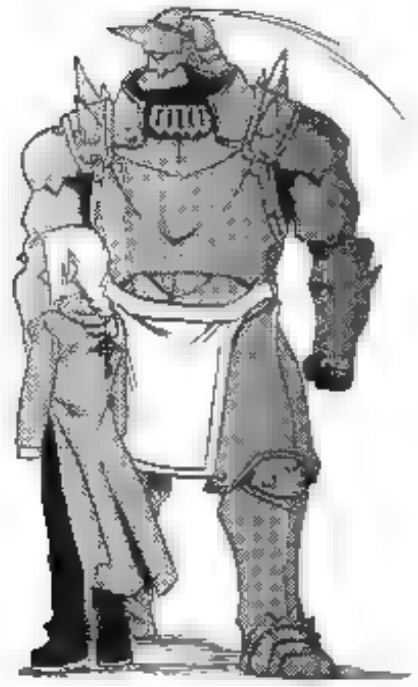
IF YOU GO, YOU CAN NEVER COME BACK!

AND COME!

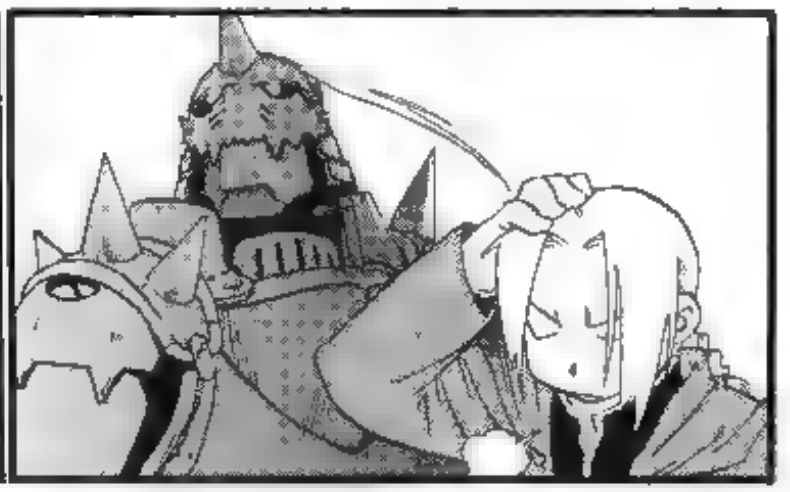
THINK ABOUT YOUR DARLING.

I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN GRANT YOU YOUR WISH. ISN'T THAT SO?

ROSÉ!



I'M SO, SORRY YOU TWO.



YOU TRULY ARE A GOOD CHILD...

...THE ONLY CHOICE I CAN MAKE.
BUT THIS IS...

GA SHUK

OPEN SESAME

WELL THEN...NOW WE MUST ERADICATE THESE HEATHENS WHO THREATEN THE FUTURE OF OUR FAITH.

GRRR

GRRR RRR

SHWAP

CREEEK

BANG

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A *CHIMERA?*

IT CAN EVEN CREATE NEW LIFE... LIKE THIS.

CLIK

THIS PHILOSO-PHER'S STONE IS TRULY INCRED-IBLE...

GROWL

GRRRRRRRRR

BOOM

SO...

TMP

?

LOOKS LIKE THIS ONE MIGHT BE TOUGH TO PLAY WITH EMPTY HANDED.

WHEW BOY!

CLAP

!?

HWOOO

BASHOOM

SHRAAAAAA

Zap

zap

zap

BUT THAT STILL WON'T BE ENOUGH !!

SO YOU DESERVE THE TITLE OF STATE ALCHEMIST AFTER ALL!

ERGH..! YOU MADE A WEAPON FROM THE FLOOR WITHOUT USING A TRANSMUTATION CIRCLE ?!

SKL ASH

EDWARD !!

WA HA HA HA HA! WELL?! HOW DO YOU LIKE THE TASTE OF CLAWS THAT CAN CUT THROUGH IRON?

...PSYCH !

OH NO...

RRIP

WHAM

GRAAGH!

KRAK

!!?

SORRY, THESE ARE CUSTOM MADE.

WH-WHAT'S THE MATTER!!? IF YOUR CLAWS WON'T WORK, THEN BITE HIM TO DEATH!!

GWORRR!

CHOMP

UH...

GGH...

G-

G-

G-

G-

G-

GRR..

URR..

RR?

GR..

RRG ?

G-G-G-

G-
G-
G-
G-
GRRGH
GGH
G-
SCRAPE
SCRAPE
WHAT'S THE MATTER, KITTY?
TASTES BAD?
KLNK
LOOK AT ME, ROSÉ.
KR
AK

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU USE ALCHEMY ON HUMANS...

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS TO SINNERS WHO TRESPASS IN GOD'S DOMAIN

...

ULP

AUTO-MAIL... FULL STEEL PROSTHE-TICS...

SHFF

VWP

"FULL METAL" PROSTHETICS... SO THAT'S WHY...

COME DOWN HERE AND FACE ME, YOU THIRD-RATE FRAUD.

I'LL SHOW YOU THERE'S NO COMPARISON BETWEEN US!

BAM

...THE FULL-METAL ALCHEMIST !!

FULLMETAL
ALCHEMIST

NOW I UNDERSTAND WHO YOU ARE..

I SEE.

BUT NOW I KNOW...

KACHUNK

IT WAS ALWAYS A MYSTERY TO ME WHY A MERE BRAT HAD A FEARSOME ALIAS LIKE "FULLMETAL"...

THOSE TWO DARED TO DO THE ONE THING FORBIDDEN TO ALCHEMISTS... THE UNSPEAKABLE CRIME OF ***HUMAN TRANSMUTATION!***

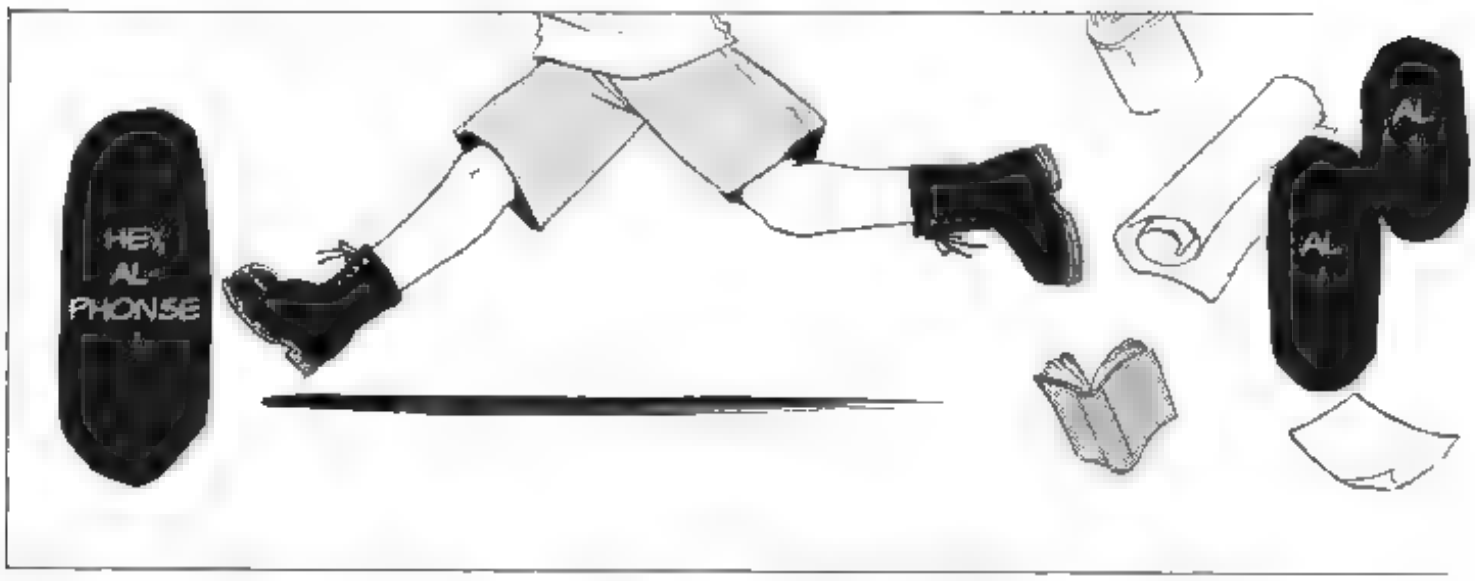
LOOK AT THEM, ROSÉ!

Chapter 2:
The Price of Life

...!

HE MADE WINGS OUT OF WAX SO HE COULD FLY... BUT WHEN HE GOT TOO CLOSE TO THE SUN... TO GOD... THE WAX MELTED AND HE CRASHED TO THE GROUND...

THEY'VE COMMITTED THE WORST POSSIBLE SIN!


HEY, AL PHONSE
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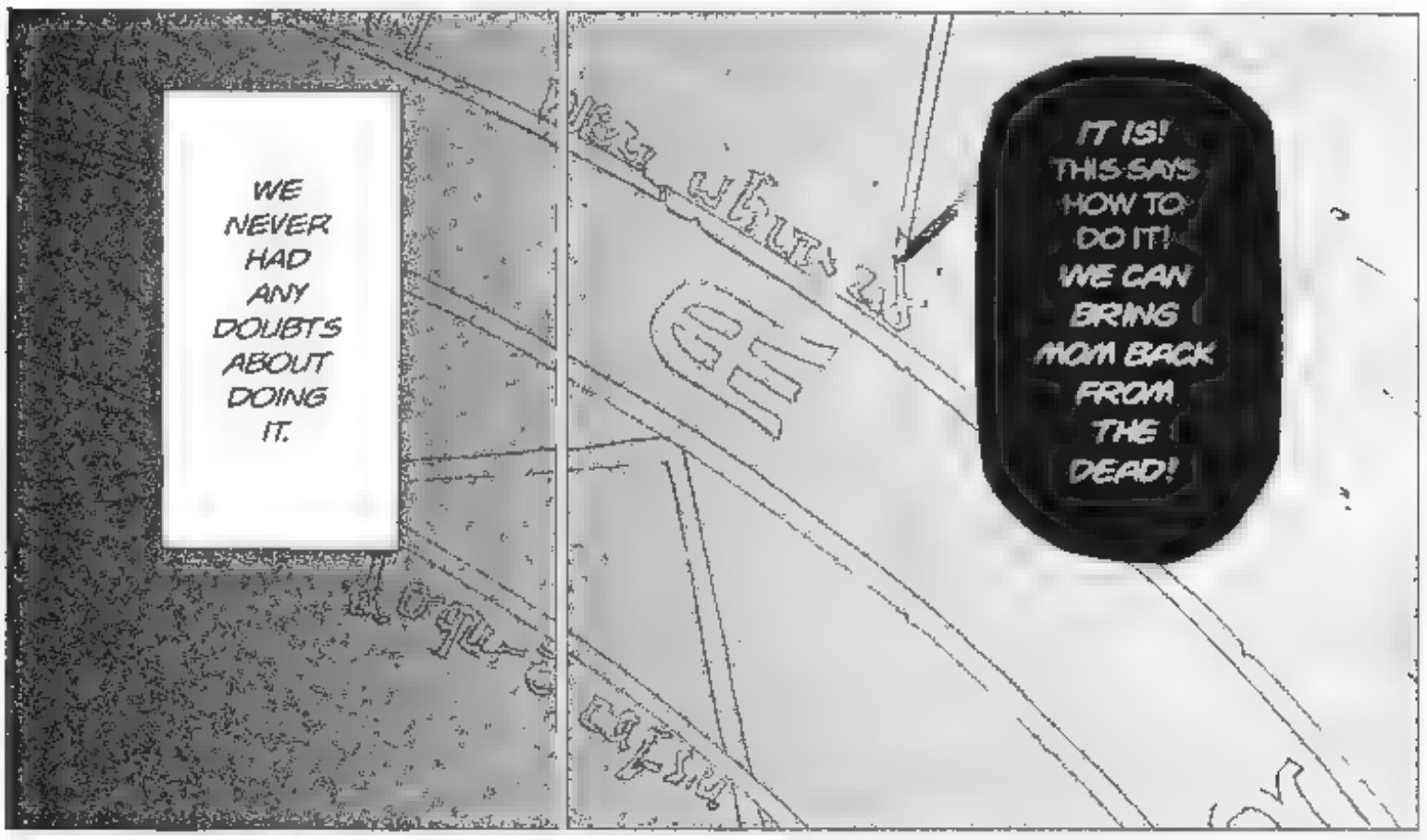
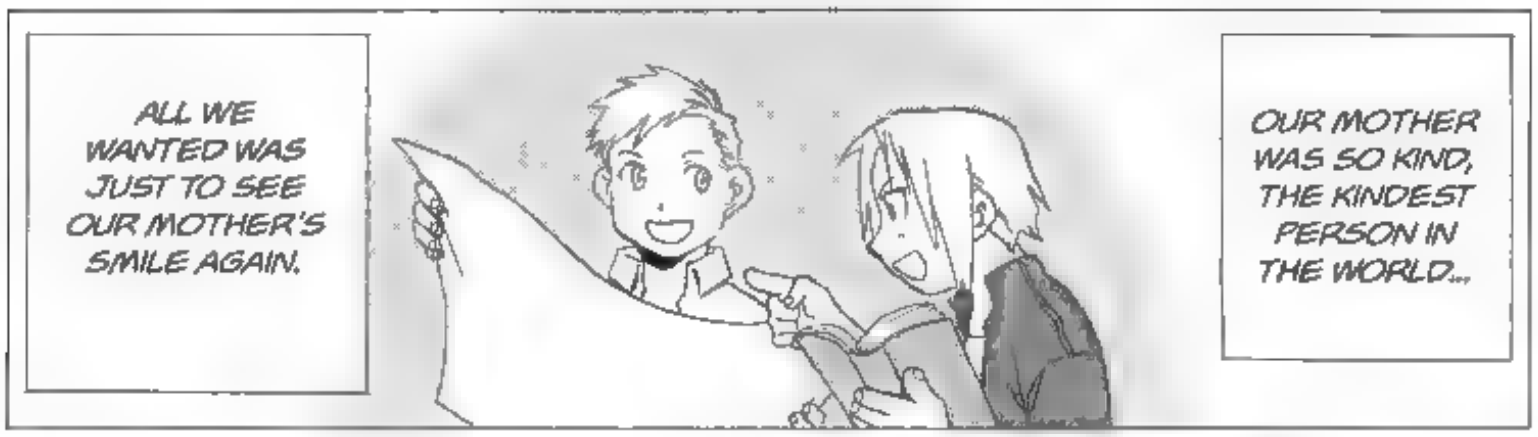
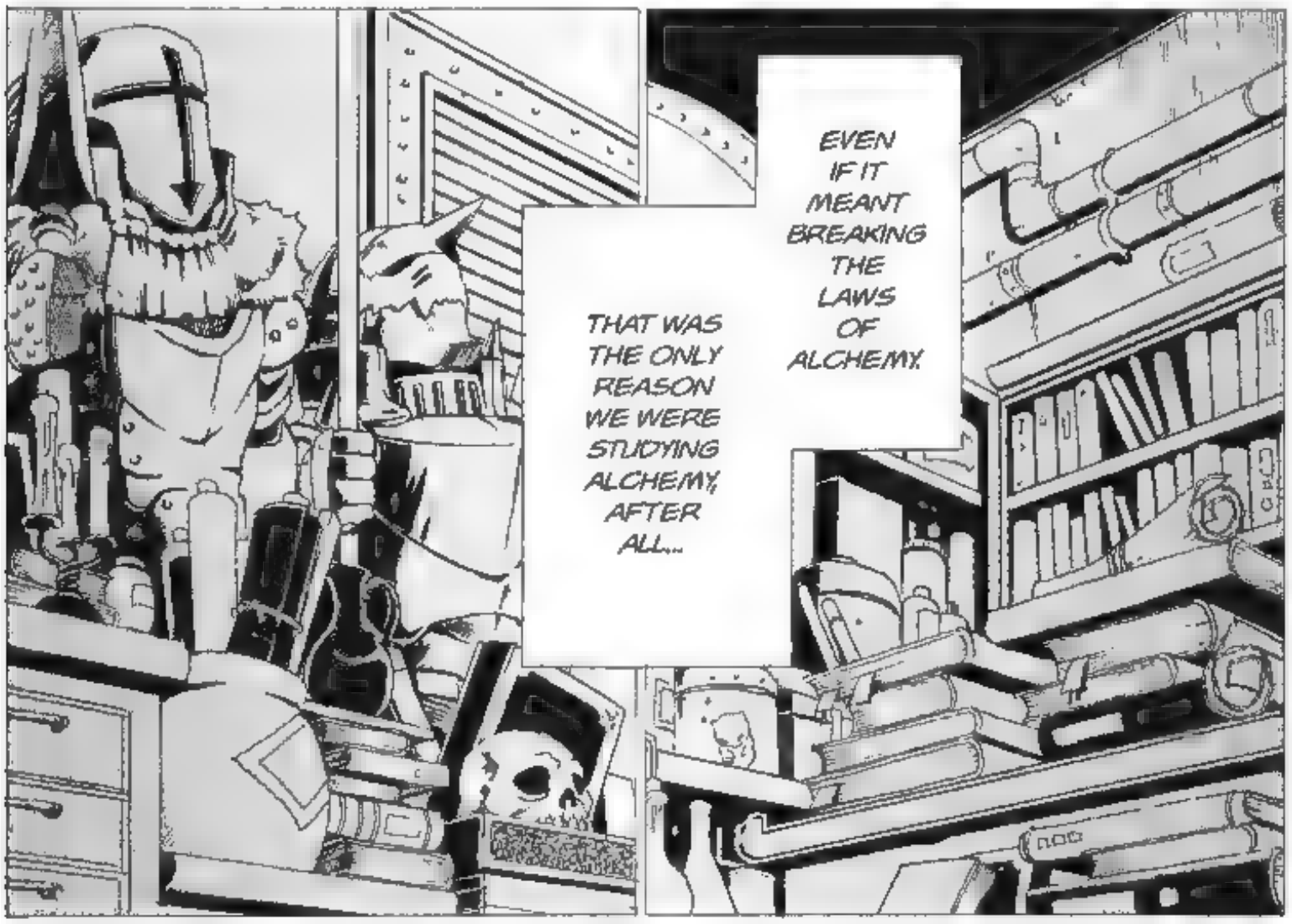
NO WAY. IS THIS...
LOOK! WE CAN'T GO WRONG USING THIS THEORY!

WHAT IS IT, BIG BROTHER


WE NEVER HAD ANY DOUBTS ABOUT DOING IT.
IT IS! THIS SAYS HOW TO DO IT! WE CAN BRING MOM BACK FROM THE DEAD!


ALL WE WANTED WAS JUST TO SEE OUR MOTHER'S SMILE AGAIN.
OUR MOTHER WAS SO KIND, THE KINDEST PERSON IN THE WORLD...


EVEN IF IT MEANT BREAKING THE LAWS OF ALCHEMY.
THAT WAS THE ONLY REASON WE WERE STUDYING ALCHEMY, AFTER ALL...

BUT THE RESUR-RECTION FAILED.

...AND I HAD MY WHOLE BODY "TAKEN."

I LOST CONSCIOUS-NESS FOR A WHILE...

WHEN IT FAILED, MY BROTHER LOST HIS LEFT LEG...

BROTHER... WHY

ALL I COULD GET FOR ONE ARM WAS YOUR SOUL...

HEH HEH... SORRY.

THE NEXT THING I SAW WHEN I OPENED MY EYES WAS THIS ARMOR BODY AND A SEA OF BLOOD...

MY OLDER BROTHER EXCHANGED HIS RIGHT ARM FOR MY SOUL... AND PUT IT IN THIS SUIT OF ARMOR.

EVEN AFTER THE HORRIBLE INJURY OF LOSING HIS LEFT LEG...

THIS IS WHAT IT TAKES TO RAISE THE DEAD, ROSÉ.

HEH..

THE TWO OF US TRIED TO RESURRECT ONE PERSON AND THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED..

FLINCH

ARE YOU READY TO MAKE THAT SACRIFICE ?!

SHUT UP! YOU'RE JUST A THIRD-RATE HACK WHO CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT THAT STONE!

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH !!

HEH HEH HEH... AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A STATE ALCHEMIST !!

CHUCKLE

DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA, BALDY! THE REASON WE WANT THE STONE IS TO GET OUR ORIGINAL BODIES BACK.

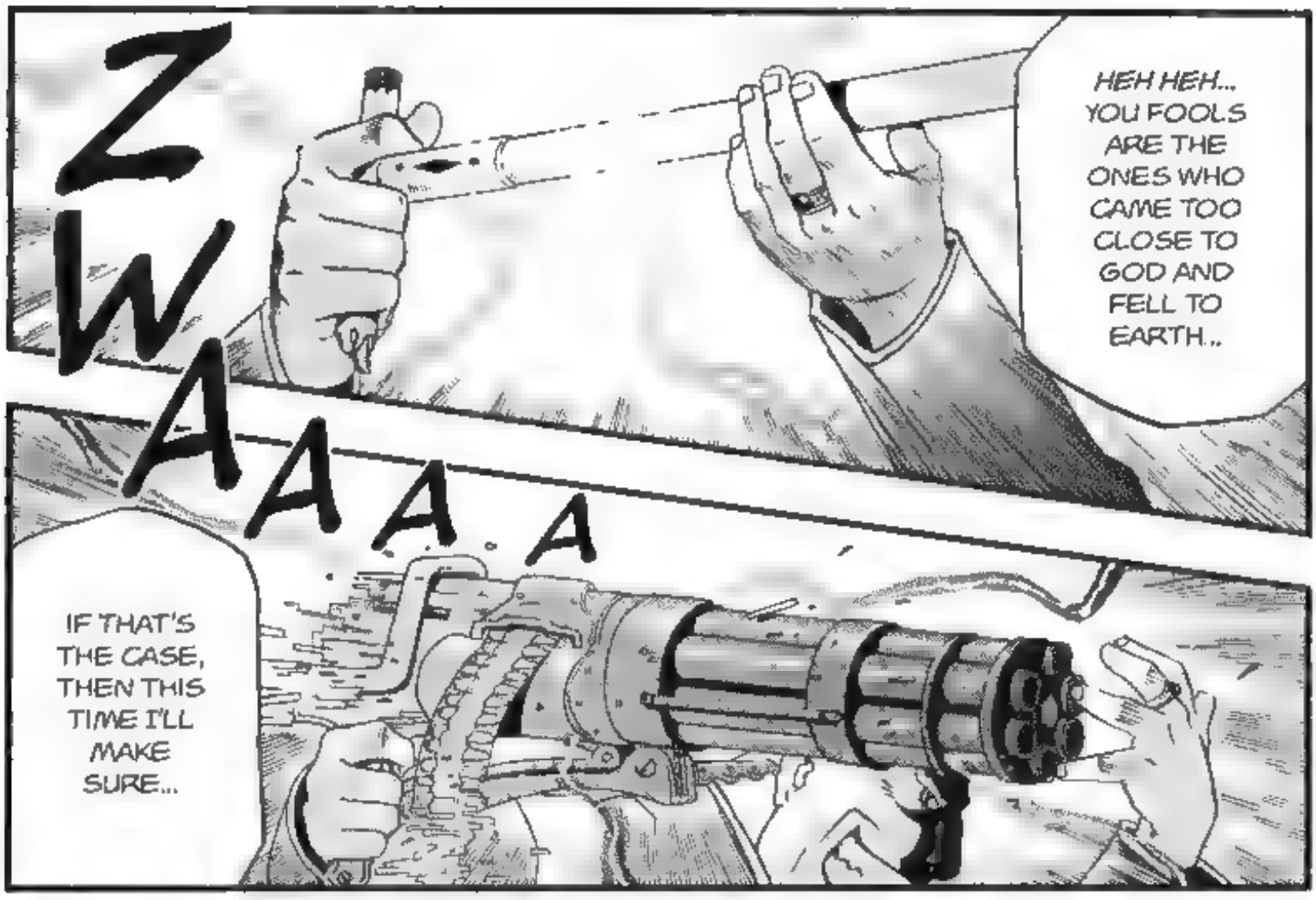
GOOD IDEA. IF YOU USED ***THIS***, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO TRANSMUTE HUMANS FOR ***REAL***, EH?

I SEE, I SEE...SO ***THAT'S*** WHY YOU WANT THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE.

FATHER, I'LL ASK YOU AGAIN.

GIVE US THE STONE BEFORE YOU GET HURT.

BESIDES, WE STILL DON'T KNOW IF IT'LL EVEN BE ABLE TO DO ***THAT***!


ZWAAAA
HEH HEH... YOU FOOLS ARE THE ONES WHO CAME TOO CLOSE TO GOD AND FELL TO EARTH..
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN THIS TIME I'LL MAKE SURE...

RAT-AT-AT-AT-AT-

KACHIK
...TO SEND YOU TO GOD PERMA-NENTLY !

HUH... !?

RAT-AT-AT-AT-AT-AT-

HA HA HA HA HA HA!

FSSSHH

EVEN IF I WENT HE'D PROBABLY CHASE ME AWAY!

SORRY. GOD DOESN'T LIKE ME VERY MUCH...

chik

TCH "

CHIK

WHY YOU...

!?

FWIP

BING BING BING BING

OW OW OW!

EE YA AA AA!

FOOLS!! THE EXIT IS RIGGED! ONLY I CAN OPEN IT FROM UP HERE!

AL! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

BZAP

OH, IS THAT SO !?

SLAP

WHA- AAT ??!

TOOM!

SLAM

IF THERE'S NO DOOR, THEN I'LL MAKE ONE!

THEY'RE PAGANS WHO WANT TO DESTROY OUR RELIGION !!

GET THEM!! HURRY !!

WHOOSH

DON'T JUST STAND THERE! GO AFTER THEM!

MIGHT AS WELL GIVE YOURSELF UP BEFORE YOU GET HURT...

HEY, YOU LITTLE RUNT, ARE YOU GONNA TAKE US ALL ON EMPTY HANDED?

HEY YOU! STOP !

THERE THEY ARE !

KZ ZT

KUH ?

TM TM TM TM TM

SMILE

SLAP

SHA

BAM

DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN JUST BECAUSE HE'S A KID!

ER..UM... THEY'RE STRONG !

BAM WHAM KRAK

AAGGH !!

DOMP

WHOOSH

THAT'S NOT FAIR.

BOOT

'SCUSE US.

THE BROAD-CASTING ROOM. THIS IS WHERE FATHER CORNELLO DELIVERS HIS SERMONS OVER THE RADIO..

WHAT'S THIS ?

HUH ?

UH-OH HE'S GOT A *BAD* IDEA...

OH REALLY...

THE BELL'S GONE.

SAY WHAT ?

THERE'S A LOT OF NOISE DOWN THERE TODAY, ISN'T THERE... ?

HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? IT'S WAY PAST THE TIME WHEN YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO RING THE BELL!

HUH ?

THE BELL...

I TOLD YOU. THE FOUNDATION OF ALCHEMY IS THE "EQUIVALENT EXCHANGE."

GONG

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU HAVE TO DO ALL THAT TO PERFORM ALCHEMY...

ABOUT WHAT YOU WERE SAYING BEFORE...

"TO OBTAIN SOMETHING, SOMETHING OF EQUAL VALUE MUST BE LOST."

PEOPLE CALL MY BROTHER A GENIUS, BUT THE REASON HE'S SO GOOD AT IT IS HE PAID THE PRICE... AND WORKED SO HARD.

BUT BECAUSE YOU SACRIFICED SO *MUCH*, YOU MUST HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BRING BACK YOUR MOTHER...

THE THING WE BROUGHT BACK WASN'T EVEN HUMAN ANY MORE.

WE WERE THE ONES...

...WHO MADE THE MIS-TAKE...

YEAH... THERE WEREN'T ANY MISTAKES IN THE THEORY...

BIG BROTHER, YOUR THEORY WAS FLAW-LESS!!

NOOO! HOW DID THIS HAPPEN

.....!!

I'D LIKE TO MAKE MY BROTHER'S BODY THE WAY IT WAS TOO.

WE'VE GIVEN UP ON TRANSMUTING HUMANS, BUT MY BROTHER STILL WANTS TO GET ME MY ORIGINAL BODY.

THAT'S THE WAY THINGS ARE IN THIS BUSINESS.

SCRAPE

..SO WE MIGHT END UP EVEN WORSE, OR LOSE OUR LIVES.

BUT LIKE I SAID BEFORE, THE RISKS ARE HIGH...

...YOU CAN'T CHOOSE THIS PATH.

ROSÉ, THAT'S WHY...

BAM!

SHUT UP! EVERY-ONE WITHIN THE CHURCH IS UNDER MY DIRECT CONTROL! THEY'D NEVER BELIEVE A STUPID FOLLOWER IF SHE CON-TRADICTED ME!

JUST GIVE UP, WILL YOU? NEWS OF YOUR TRICKERY WILL SPREAD THROUGH-OUT THE TOWN IN NO TIME ANYWAY.

WHEEZE WHEEZE WHEEZE

YOU LITTLE RUNT, YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY!

FOLLOWERS ARE JUST PAWNS TO USE FOR ***WAR!*** I DON'T HAVE TIME TO BE SORRY FOR MERE ***PAWNS!***

MY, MY. I FEEL SORRY FOR THOSE POOR FOLLOWERS OF YOURS.

I'LL MASS-PRODUCE THEM! ***LIMITLESS*** FANATICS, FROM THE MASSES OF IDIOTS WHO CAN'T EVEN TELL ALCHEMY FROM MIRACLES!

IF I ASK THEM TO, THEY'LL DIE HAPPY AND FULFILLED, BELIEVING THAT THEY DID IT FOR GOD!

HEH...

WHAT'S SO FUNNY !!?

TUNK

HA HA HA HA HA !

WA HA HA HA

DID YOU THINK THAT YOU COULD STOP MY PLANS SO EASILY!? YOU UNDER-ESTIMATED THE POWER OF BLIND FAITH!

YOU LITTLE BRAT! HOW DARE YOU INSULT ME!!

Hee Hee

THAT'S WHY I KEEP SAYING YOU'RE *THIRD-RATE*, BALDY!

KNOW WHAT THIS IS? ♪

ON

OFF

YOU...

BA-BUMP

ON

OFF

HOW LONG HAS THAT SWITCH BEEN ON?!

FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. ♡ YOU JUST EXPOSED YOUR ENTIRE PLAN. ♡

WHA.. WHA.. WHAT ?!

YOU LITTLE RAT !

YOU COULDN'T HAVE...

KZZT ZZT

ZZP
I'M GOING TO KILL Y-
ZP
ZP
GRRRRRRRRR
YOU DUMB BRAT..
TOO SLOW !
CLAK
CH
OP

DIDN'T I TELL YOU? THERE'S NO COMPARISON BETWEEN US.

CLANK

I WON'T GIVE UP...

GRR

I WON'T...

GH...

AS LONG AS I HAVE THIS STONE I CAN MAKE MIRACLES AGAIN AND AGAIN!

ZPPP

KA
ZA
AP

SQUIKK

WHY...

WHY DID IT...?

AGGGHH! IT HURTS! AAGGGHHH!

MY ARM! MY ARM!

WH...

GAAAGGGHH!

THE STONE! LET ME SEE THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE!

KRAK

AGGH! M... MY STONE!

ACK!

BAM!

SHUT UP!!

NNNHH...

IT WAS JUST A REBOUND!!

DON'T MAKE A BIG DEAL OVER ONE OR TWO ARMS!!

WSSSHHHH

TINKLE

'CLINK

I DON'T KNOW, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING! NOBODY TOLD ME A THING!!

HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN? HOW COULD A "PURE SUBSTANCE" LIKE THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE BREAK APART?

IT... BROKE?

AND IT'S A FAKE..

I THOUGHT I COULD FINALLY GO BACK TO NORMAL...

AFTER COMING THIS FAR...

STAGGER

IT'S A FAKE...?

I'M POWERLESS WITHOUT THE STONE. HELP ME.

AGGGH... PLEASE SPARE ME. I WAS WRONG...

I'LL GET EVEN WITH THEM EVEN IF IT MEANS GIVING EVERYTHING TO KILL THIS ONE KID!

HEH HEH HEH.. HE'S NOT PAYING ANY ATTENTION TO ME!

THIS IS MY CHANCE...

GLOOOM

UH... Y- YES !?

BA-BUMP

HEY... OLD MAN...

WHA... ?

ZZT.

ZZT

FIRST YOU LIED TO THE TOWNS-PEOPLE, THEN YOU TRIED TO KILL US...

ZZT

ZZZT

ZZT

ZZT

ZZT

ZZZT

...AND NOW, AFTER ALL THE TROUBLE YOU PUT ME THROUGH, YOU'RE TELLING ME THE STONE WAS *FAKE?*

HUH...?

WAA GH !

ZZT

ZZT

ZZZT

ZZT

KRAK KRAK KRAK

KRAK KRAK KRAK

SHM

ZOOM

BA

BAM

THIS BETTER BE SOME KIND OF JOKE !!

KRR KRAK KRRR

FEEL THE IRON BLOW OF GOD'S WRATH !

OH MY G-

WE NEED TO WORRY ABOUT *YOU* FIRST. AUTO-MAIL HAS A LOT OF PROBLEMS.

JUST WHEN I THOUGHT WE WERE FINALLY GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET YOUR OLD BODY BACK..

SIGH

SIGH

YEAH, IT WAS ALL A WASTE OF TIME.

GURGLE

IT'S A *FAKE*?

BUT...

BACK ON THE ROAD AGAIN

OH WELL, I GUESS WE'LL LOOK SOME-WHERE ELSE...

WHAT DID YOU DO TO ME...?

GIVE IT UP, ROSÉ. IT COULD NEVER HAVE...

THEY TOLD ME THAT HE WOULD COME BACK TO LIFE..

THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE... I MEAN...

WHAT DO I *DO*?

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE IN NOW!?

WELL, ARE YOU?

ARE **YOU** GOING TO TELL ME?

YOU NEED TO FIGURE THAT OUT ON YOUR OWN.

KEEP GOING FORWARD.

STAND UP AND WALK.

AT LEAST YOU HAVE STRONG LEGS TO TAKE YOU THERE.

TOOM TOOM TOOM TOOM TOOM

OPEN UP!

EXPLAIN YOURSELF!

YOU LIED TO US!

WE WANT THE TRUTH!

BRING OUT FATHER CORNELLO!

...DAMN IT!

I'VE INVESTED TOO MUCH IN THIS TO LET IT FALL APART...

I WON'T ALLOW IT.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT RUNT RUINED MY PLANS...

REALLY, YOU WERE *SO* CLOSE... AND NOW EVERYTHING'S RUINED.

YOU'VE CAUSED A LOT OF TROUBLE, YOUR HOLINESS.

LONG TIME NO SEE. WISH IT WAS LONGER.

WH... WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS!!?

PLEASE. DID YOU THINK WE WOULD HAND OVER THE REAL THING TO A PERSON LIKE YOU?

HOW DARE YOU GIVE ME A FAKE!!

THE PHILOSO-PHER'S STONE THAT YOU GAVE ME BROKE INTO PIECES!!

MUNCH

MMM... I *DID* SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT, DIDN'T I?

ALL WE WANTED WAS FOR YOU TO CAUSE A LITTLE BIT OF CHAOS IN THIS REGION. THAT'S ALL.

YOU...YOU SAID THAT I WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE OVER THIS COUNTRY BY USING THIS STONE!!

WHAT? YOU LOOK SURPRISED. DID YOU REALLY THINK THAT A THIRD-RATE DESPOT LIKE YOURSELF COULD BECOME THE RULER OF A COUNTRY?

NO, NO, GLUTTONY. YOU'RE GOING TO GET A STOMACH-ACHE IF YOU EAT THE LIKES OF HIM.

HEY LUST, CAN I EAT THIS OLD GUY? CAN I?

plup

AHA HA HA HA!! YOU'RE REALLY TOO MUCH!

AAARRRGG! YOU'RE ALL MOCKING ME— YOU AND EVERYBODY ELSE!

IF YOU EAT THIS THIRD-RATE...

...NO, THIS FOURTH-RATE FOOL...

SWIP

SH

UNK

YOU...

..ARE NO LONGER OF ANY USE.

SHAA

SPLUT

TWITCH TWITCH

FATHER WILL BE FURIOUS.

SHUNK

AWWWW.. AND JUST WHEN THINGS WERE STARTING TO GO *SO* WELL.

SO, WHAT SHOULD OUR NEXT PLAN BE..?

LEER♪

HEY, I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU NOT TO EAT THAT.

RIP SMACK

KLATA KLATA KLATA KLATA KLATA

KLATA KLATA

KLATA

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE THE ONLY ONES ON BOARD.

I'VE HEARD THE RUMORS, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS ***THIS*** BAD...

GWOO

GUESS THIS ISN'T EXACTLY TOURIST COUNTRY...

THE YOUSWELL COAL MINES.

"THE TOWN ON THE EASTERN BORDER."

Chapter 3
The Mining Town

KLATA
KLATA
KLATA
SO THIS IS WHERE WE GET COAL...
"THE WILD FRONTIER," EH? I ALWAYS THOUGHT A PLACE LIKE THIS WOULD BE A LITTLE MORE LIVELY.
EVERY-ONE SEEMS A LITTLE TIRED..
GASHUNK
GASHUNK
GASHUNK

BONK

OOPS! SORRY 'BOUT THAT.

NEED A MEAL?

WHERE YOU FROM?

ON A TRIP?

YOU'RE FROM OUT OF TOWN, RIGHT?

A PLACE TO STAY?

HOLD ON...

WELL...

UH...

HEY!!

WHY YOU LITTLE...

YOU DON'T SAY!

GRIN

LISTEN WHEN PEOPLE TALK TO YOU!

DAD! WE GOT CUSTOMERS!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "PIGGY BANK"!?

CUSTOM-ERS' A PIGGY BANK!

HUH? WHAT'S THAT, KHAYAL?

KEEP IT DOWN, YOU!

THAT'S WHY YOUR OLD LADY'S ALWAYS CRYING!

YOUR PROBLEM IS, YOU'RE A SOFT TOUCH! ALWAYS GIVING WHAT YOU MAKE TO THE POOR!

WHAT'RE YOU TALKIN' 'BOUT, CHIEF!?

SORRY ABOUT THE DUST.

THE MINES DON'T PAY VERY MUCH, SO WE RUN THIS INN TO GET BY.

HOW MUCH?

SO, THERE'S TWO OF YOU... YOU WANT ONE NIGHT'S STAY AND TWO MEALS EACH?

WA HA HA HA HA

IF YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH HOW I SPEND MY MONEY, THEN HURRY UP AND PAY ME WHAT YOU OWE FOR THE BOOZE!

SLAM

200 THOU-SAND!

DON'T WORRY, I BROUGHT ENOUGH.

SMIRK

WHAT, AFRAID YOU CAN'T AFFORD IT?

YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME! WE'LL GO SOME-WHERE ELSE!

WE DON'T GET TOO MANY TOURISTS, SO WHEN THEY COME WE TRY TO MAKE SURE THEY LEAVE US ALL THEIR MONEY.

I SAID YOU MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD IT.

YOU'RE OFF BY ONE DECIMAL POINT!

200 THOU-SAND?! WHAT A RIP OFF !!

YOU KNOW IT'S FORBIDDEN BY THE STATE ALCHEMY LAWS TO MAKE GOLD!

I GUESS THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO IS USE ALCHEMY TO TURN PEBBLES INTO GOLD!

PSST PSST PSST PSST PSST PSST

WE REALLY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH.

FORGET ABOUT IT. THE PRICES ARE THE SAME EVERY WHERE ELSE.

THERE'S NO ESCAPE, PIGGY BANK!

EEEEE

CLUTCH

DAD! THIS GUY'S AN ALCHEMIST !!

YOU'RE EVIL !!

HEH HEH HEH HEH

IF WE DON'T GET CAUGHT... WE WON'T GET CAUGHT.

BAS HOOM

CLAP!

WHOAA!!

THIS IS GREAT! OUR FIRST CUSTOMER IN AGES, AND HE'S AN *ALCHEMIST*!

IT LOOKS BRAND NEW

WOW

SOUNDS GOOD!

I'LL GIVE YOU A SPECIAL ALCHEMIST'S FRIENDSHIP DISCOUNT.

PLUS THE AMOUNT I OWE YOU FOR FIXING THE PICKAXE.

I USED TO DABBLE A LITTLE BIT MYSELF.

BUT I DIDN'T REALLY HAVE THE TALENT, SO I GAVE UP STUDYING.

OH YEAH...?

BY THE WAY, I DIDN'T CATCH YOUR NAME.

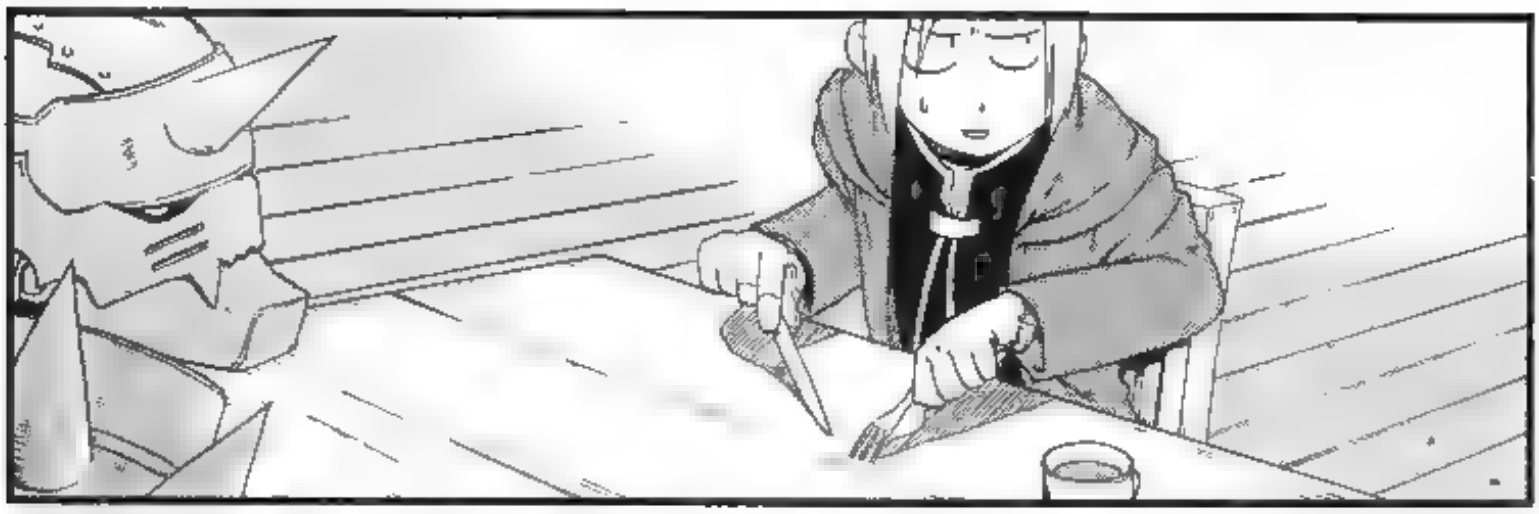
THAT'S STILL A LOT!

ALL TOGETHER, THAT'S A 50% DISCOUNT! *100 THOUSAND!*

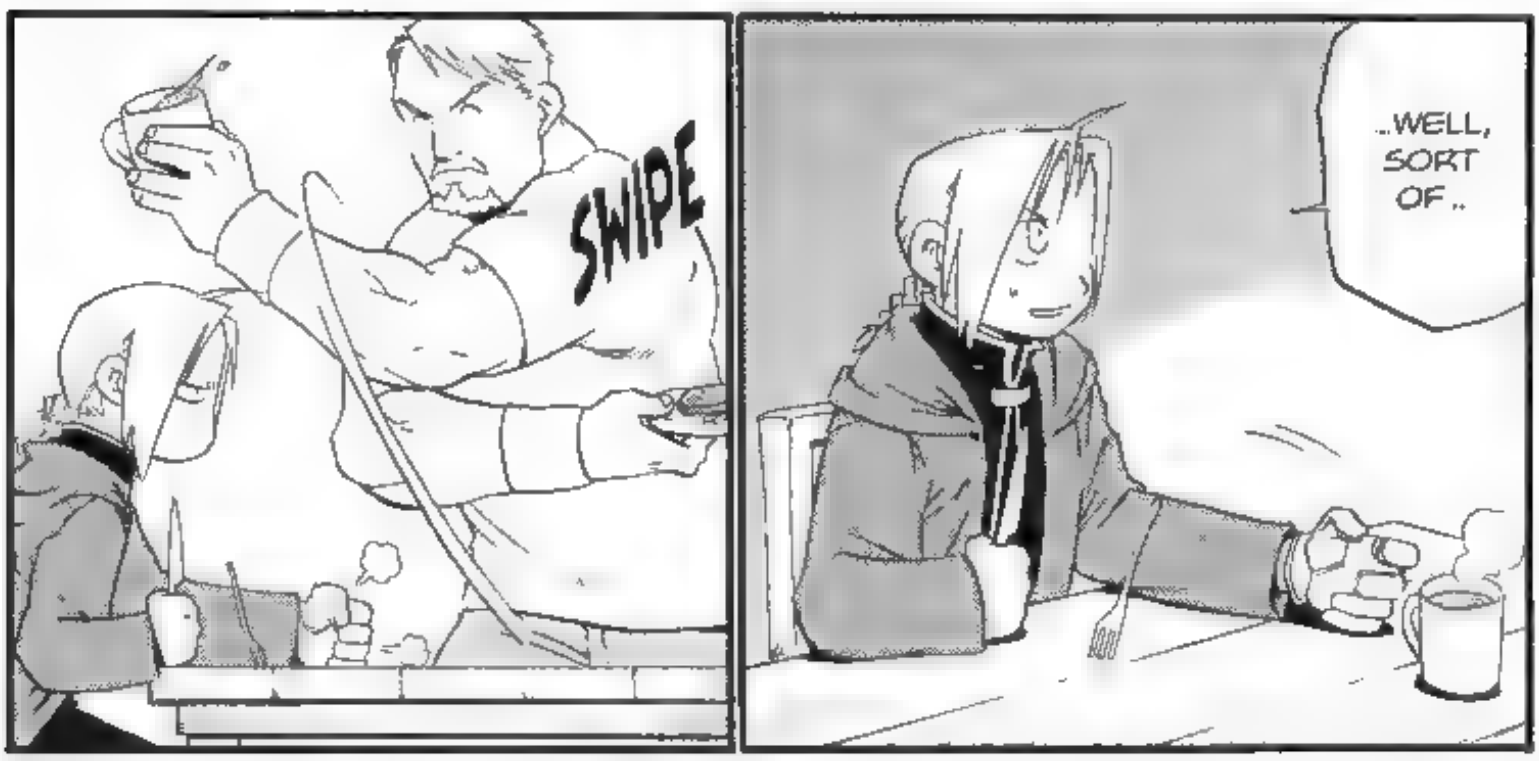
SWIPE

CLANK.

EDWARD ELRIC.



THE STATE ALCHEMIST ?
BLINK
SO YOU'RE ELRIC THE ALCHE-MIST...


SWIPE
..WELL, SORT OF..

WHACK

GET LOST!

HEY, WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?!

YOU TRAITOR!!

OH, THAT'S FINE THEN! COME ON IN!

UM, I'M A CIVILIAN. I'M NOT A "STATE" ANY-THING

AAGH!

BLEAH! WE DON'T HAVE FOOD OR LODGINGS FOR DOGS OF THE MILITARY!!

HEY!! WE'RE PAYING CUSTOMERS!!

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

WHAT A LET-DOWN...

MAN, JUST WHEN I THOUGHT WE HAD A PAYING GUEST...

THIS TOWN'S UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF LIEUTENANT YOKI, BUT ALL HE CARES ABOUT IS MAKING MONEY.

OF COURSE. EVERYONE AROUND HERE HATES SOLDIERS.

STATE ALCHEMISTS AREN'T TOO POPULAR HERE, ARE THEY?

HUH? SO THIS PLACE IS...

YUP, THIS IS YOKI'S PRIVATE PROPERTY.

USED TO BE HE JUST OWNED THE COAL MINES, BUT HE GOT GREEDY ABOUT MOVIN' ON UP.

HE EVEN BOUGHT HIS WAY TO BEING A LIEUTENANT.

I HEAR HE SPENDS IT ALL ON BRIBES TO HIS SUPERIORS BACK IN CENTRAL CITY.

AND THEN THERE'S THE STATE ALCHEMISTS.

SEE? IT SUCKS, HUH?

EVEN IF WE COMPLAIN TO SOMEONE HIGHER UP ON THE CHAIN, YOKI BRIBES THEM ALL, SO ***THEY*** WON'T HELP!

THAT RAT OWNS EVERYTHING IN THIS TOWN! WE DON'T GET PAID ENOUGH TO GET BY!

I KNOW THEY GET A LOT IN EXCHANGE...BUT I CAN'T FORGIVE PEOPLE WHO SELL THEIR SOULS TO THE MILITARY STATE.

"ALCHEMISTS WORK FOR THE PEOPLE."

THAT'S THE SLOGAN OF THE ALCHEMISTS.. THE SOURCE OF THEIR PRIDE

DAMN YOU, AL... HAVE YOU LOST YOUR HUMANITY SO SOON ?!

GWRRRMM

I'M HUNGRY..

SOBSOB

SWISH

GRROWWWLLL

SHEESH, YOU'RE SO PREDICT-ABLE.

DEAR BROTHER !

CLA

NK!

I SNUCK OUT WITH THE FOOD THEY GAVE ME.

HMM...THESE CORRUPT OFFICIAL TYPES ARE EVERYWHERE, HUH?

..I SEE.

I GUESS, THANKS TO THIS GUY, THEY DON'T EVEN GET ENOUGH FOOD SUPPLIES.

...BUT I NEVER KNEW THEY WOULD HATE ME THIS MUCH

WHEN I BECAME A STATE ALCHEMIST I KNEW I'D GET A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FLACK..

THAT LIEUTENANT YOKI'S CAUSING US A LOT OF TROUBLE.

I MEAN, MILITARY PERSONNEL LIKE US AREN'T VERY POPULAR TO BEGIN WITH.

...

MAYBE I SHOULD GET CERTIFIED AS A STATE ALCHEMIST TOO.

"DOGS OF THE MILITARY," HUH?

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO RESPOND TO THAT.

IT'S NOT WORTH IT! ONE PERSON SITTING ON THIS BED OF NEEDLES IS ENOUGH!

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT WE BROKE THE LAWS OF ALCHEMY AND NOW WE'RE STUCK WITH THESE BODIES...

SIGH...

I WONDER WHAT OUR TEACHER WOULD SAY IF SHE EVER FOUND OUT...

SHE'D KILL US...!!

SHIVER

SHE...

SHIVERSHIVER

CLOP CLOP

OUT OF THE WAY! WE'RE COMING IN!

ENOUGH SMALL TALK.

..WELL, WELL, LIEUTENANT. WHAT BRINGS YOU TO A SHABBY LITTLE PLACE LIKE THIS?

PLACE LOOKS FILTHY AS USUAL, HALLING.

I HEAR YOU'RE LATE ON YOUR TAXES.

I KNOW YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY DEADBEAT IN THIS TOWN, BUT DON'T EXPECT ME TO JUST IGNORE YOU.

CLOP

HMPH.. I SEE YOU CAN STILL AFFORD TO SELL ALCOHOL...

I'M VERY SORRY, BUT WE'RE BARELY GETTING BY AS IT IS...

WHAP

YOU BETTER BE JOKING !

WHA-- !?

... I GUESS THAT MEANS I CAN LOWER YOUR SALARY A BIT MORE?

WHY YOU.. !!

YOU LITTLE BRAT !

SIR, ALLOW ME... !

BA SH

SHINK

I WON'T HOLD BACK JUST BECAUSE HE'S A CHILD.

BAM

KHAYAL !!

NG

AA

LET THIS BE A WARNING.

!!

SNAP

WHAT ?!

IT BROKE.. ?!

OOOOOH

JUST A KID PASSING THROUGH.

Huh? Huh?

WH... WHERE DID THIS KID COME FROM !?

...SO I DECIDED TO SAY HELLO.

WELL, I HEARD THAT THE LIEUTEN-ANT WAS GONNA BE HERE.

THIS IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS! STAY OUT!

GAH!

A GOLD WATCH WITH THE PRESIDENT'S CREST AND THE HEXAGRAM !!

BONK

YOU IDIOT !

OW.

LIEUTEN-ANT, WHO IS THIS BRAT ...?

...EH? WHAT'S THIS ?

PSST PSST PSST

YOU'RE SERIOUS? NOT ***THAT*** LITTLE RUNT!?

PSST PSST PSST

DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT A STATE ALCHEMIST IS?! THEY WORK DIRECTLY FOR THE PRESIDENT!

PSST

IF I MAKE AN IMPRESSION HERE, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE SOME CONNECTIONS AT CENTRAL!

PSST

THIS IS MY CHANCE...

PSST

HUH?

PSST

I THOUGHT HEARD "RUNT"...

HMPH

PSST

WOW, YOU'RE REALLY ON TOP OF THINGS, LIEUTENANT!

PSST

MY NAME IS YOKI, AND I'M IN CHARGE OF THIS TOWN.

SLITHER

I'M SORRY IF MY SUBORDINATES WERE IMPOLITE.

HMPH!

...BECAUSE THE OWNER HERE IS TOO ***CHEAP*** TO LET ME STAY.

WELL, I GUESS THAT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT...

EVEN THOUGH WE'RE FAR FROM THE CITY, WE HAVE SOME ***LOVELY*** ROOMS BACK AT MY HOUSE!

THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO STAY IN THIS PIG-PEN!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN PIG PEN?

IT MUST BE FATE THAT WE MET HERE!

SLAM

I'LL BE BACK !

LISTEN HERE, YOU LOWLIFES. I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU PAY EVERY PENNY OF THE TAXES THAT YOU OWE ME!

BOTH OF THEM !!

UM... MAD AT WHO ?

AAGGGH! THAT MAKES ME SO MAD!

THERE'S NO NEED TO STAND ON CEREMONY. EAT, EAT!

WELL, I'M EMBARRASSED TO SAY THAT IT TAKES US A LONG TIME TO COLLECT TAXES.

ALTHOUGH THE TOWN AS A WHOLE SEEMS LESS FORTUNATE.

YOU SEEM TO EAT VERY WELL.

THE PEOPLE PAY YOU TAXES BECAUSE YOU OWN THE RIGHTS TO THIS PLACE. THAT'S HOW IT WORKS, ISN'T IT?

...AHA HA HA. IT'S ALL VERY EMBARRASSING.

PLUS THERE ARE MANY THUGS LIKE THE ONES YOU SAW EARLIER...

OF COURSE. IT'S THE SAME AS ALCHEMY. THE WAY OF THIS WORLD IS "EQUIVALENT EXCHANGE."

YOU CAN'T HAVE RIGHTS WITHOUT CIVIC DUTY.

ABSOLUTELY. YOU SEE MATTERS RATHER CLEARLY, SIR EDWARD.

SO THAT MEANS YOU'LL ALSO ACCEPT ***THIS*** AS THE WAY OF THIS WORLD..?

JINGLE

TRUE, TRUE.

YES, WELL SPOKEN.

PLEASE ACCEPT A TOKEN OF MY GRATI-TUDE...

SIR EDWARD, AS A STATE ALCHEMIST I IMAGINE YOU MUST HAVE SOME INFLUENCE WITH THOSE HIGHER UP.

THIS IS...

...WHAT SOME WOULD CALL A "BRIBE," IS IT NOT?

IT'S "GRATI-TUDE."

I'M SURE WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER?

I DON'T WANT TO SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE AS A PETTY OFFICIAL IN THIS COUNTRY TOWN.

LIEU-TENANT YOKI...

WELL THEN... PLEASE HAVE A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP.

THANK YOU.

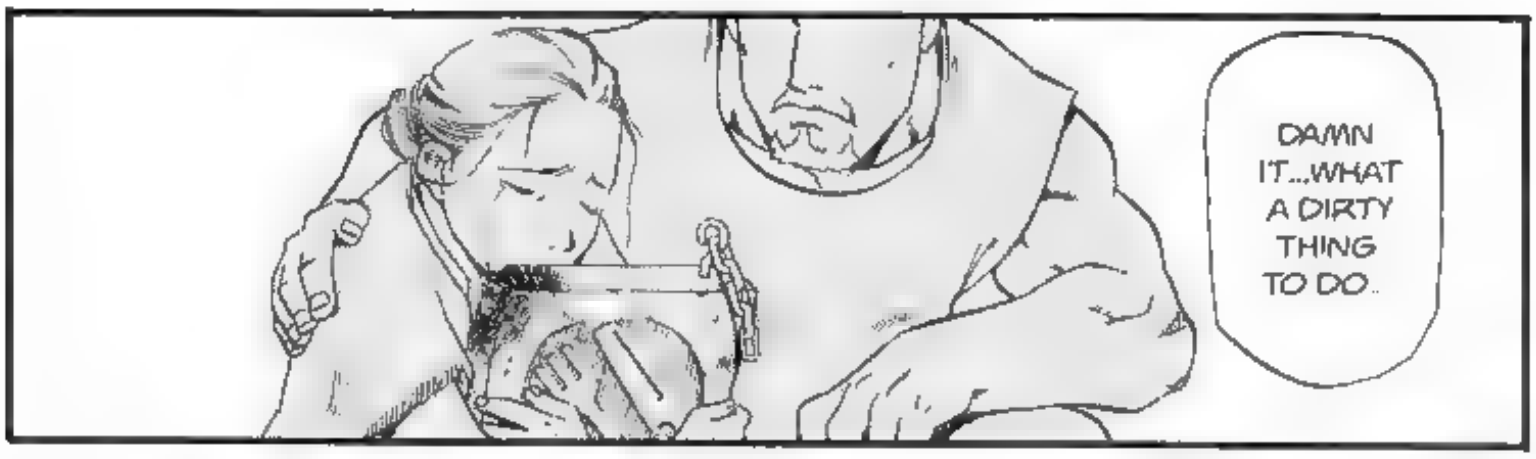
THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME WE'VE HAD PROBLEMS WITH HALLING'S INN. EVERY NIGHT THERE'S A BUNCH OF LOUDMOUTHS THERE, TALKING ABOUT STIRRING UP TROUBLE...

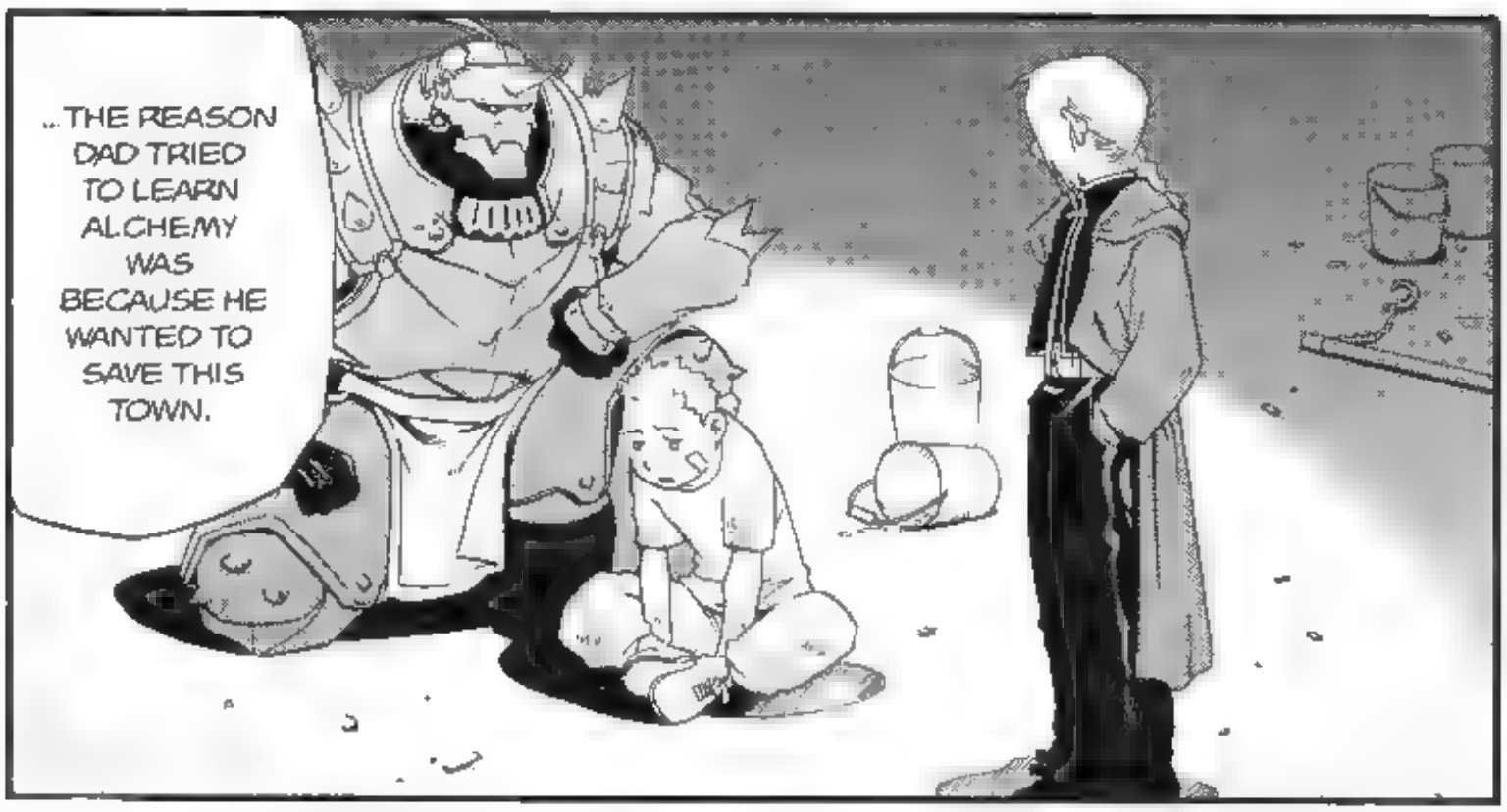
HMPH THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN RATHER REBEL-LIOUS, HAVEN'T THEY?

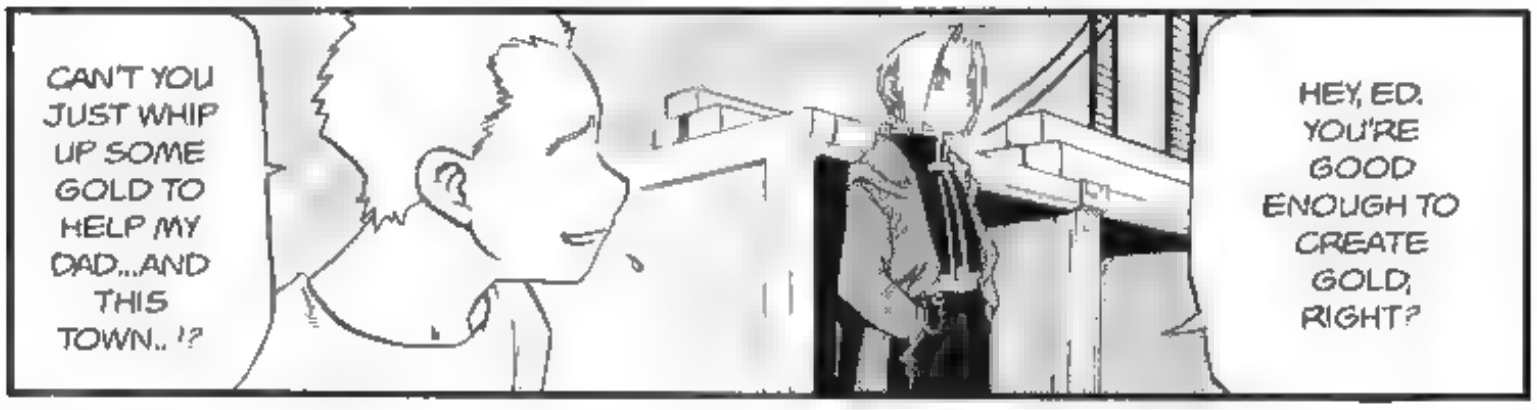
WHAT A BOTH-ER.

BURN IT DOWN.

CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
HOW AWFUL...
LAST NIGHT I SAW SOME OF YOKI'S UNDERLINGS HANGING OUT AROUND THE INN...


DAMN IT...WHAT A DIRTY THING TO DO..


...THE REASON DAD TRIED TO LEARN ALCHEMY WAS BECAUSE HE WANTED TO SAVE THIS TOWN.


CAN'T YOU JUST WHIP UP SOME GOLD TO HELP MY DAD...AND THIS TOWN..!?
HEY, ED. YOU'RE GOOD ENOUGH TO CREATE GOLD, RIGHT?

...IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S GONNA COST YOU ANY THING!
COME ON...

NO.

WHY YOU...

THE FOUNDATION OF ALCHEMY IS "EQUIVALENT EXCHANGE"

WHY SHOULD I GIVE YOU FREE MONEY?

GRIP

YOU SCUMBAG! YOU CALL YOURSELF AN ALCHEMIST?

"ALCHEMISTS WORK FOR THE PEOPLE"...

...RIGHT?

I DON'T FEEL LIKE BEING USED BY ALL OF YOU JUST TO GET BY.
IF I GAVE YOU MONEY NOW, IT'D JUST END UP AS TAXES IN YOKI'S VAULT.
KID, I KNOW YOU CAN'T UNDER-STAND BUT...
IF YOU'RE THAT DESPERATE, THEN LEAVE TOWN AND FIND ANOTHER JOB.
...AND OUR GRAVES.
...THE MINES ARE OUR HOMES...

HEY, BIG BROTHER! HOLD ON!

ONE TON.. MAYBE TWO TONS?

HUH?

HOW MUCH CULM DO YOU THINK IS HERE?*

AL.

ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO ABANDON THOSE PEOPLE...?

*CULM - WASTE FROM COAL MINES, INCLUDING FINE COAL, COAL DUST, AND DIRT

WHAT, YOU WON'T?

..YOU WANT ME TO BE AN ACCOMPLICE?

CLAP

HUP

OKAY. I'M GONNA DO SOMETHING SLIGHTLY ILLEGAL NOW SO YOU JUST LOOK THE OTHER WAY FOR A SECOND.

HUH!?

MAN, OH MAN... AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO SET AN EXAMPLE FOR ME...?

AAAH... IF WE DON'T GET CAUGHT, WE WON'T GET CAUGHT

YOU'RE GONNA DO IT EVEN IF I SAY NO, RIGHT?

BASHOOM

...UH...

...

NOW.. I'D LIKE YOU TO SELL ME ALL THE RIGHTS TO THE COAL MINES.

ta-DA

P-P-PLEASE DON'T BE ABSURD !!

IT'S NOT ENOUGH ?

IS THIS REAL GOLD?

WOW...

GLANCE

AND ALSO... UM... IF YOU DON'T MIND...

GRIN

OH YES! OF COURSE I'LL PUT IN A GOOD WORD TO MY SUPERIORS.

I'LL BRIBE THE HIGHER-RANKING OFFICIALS AT CENTRAL, AND THEN...

WITH THIS MUCH GOLD I CAN SAY *GOODBYE* TO THIS MISERABLE POST..!

WEE HEE HEE

OH, I WOULDN'T MIND AT ALL! WELL THEN, LET'S DO THE PAPER-WORK RIGHT AWAY!

...IN ORDER TO NOT GET CAUGHT, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD WRITE A DOCUMENT SAYING, "THE RIGHTS WERE PEACEFULLY TRANSFERRED, FREE OF CHARGE"...

BUT MAKING GOLD IS ILLEGAL, SO...

OH, THANK YOU, *THANK* YOU! MY *DEAR* ALCHEMIST!

HA HA HA

GRIP!!

SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE ENJOYING IT...

NO, NO, NOT COMPARED TO YOU, LIEUTENANT.

HEE HEE HEE

HOHOH

MY, YOU REALLY ARE A SLY ONE, MR. ALCHEMIST, SIR!

I WON'T ALLOW A RAID.

BE-CAUSE I SAID SO.

WHY CAN'T WE DO IT?!

WHY *NOT*, DAD !!?

SLAM

EVEN IF WE FAIL, I'M GONNA PUNCH THAT ROTTEN YOKI IN THE FACE AT LEAST ONCE!

YEAH, I'VE HAD ENOUGH.

EVEN IF YOU'RE AGAINST IT, CHIEF. I'M STILL GOING.

BUT .. !!

NO! I CAN'T ALLOW ALL OF YOU TO BECOME CRIMINALS!

HEY HEY. SHOULD YOU BE SPEAKING LIKE THAT TO THE NEW PROPRIETOR OF THIS JOINT?
...WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

HI EVERYBODY! WHAT A LOT OF GLOOMY FACES! YOU'RE LOOKING CHEERFUL TODAY!

OWNERSHIP PAPERS. THEY CONFER ON THE HOLDER THE RIGHTS TO MINING, SALES, DISTRIBUTION, AND ALL SUBSIDIARY BUSINESSES IN THIS TOWN.
WHAT'S THIS...?

SLAP
WHAT THE HELL ARE Y...?

WHAT !!?

HEYY! AND IT SAYS IT'S BEEN SIGNED OVER TO EDWARD ELRIC!?

HOW DID YOU GET THIS...?

NOW A-A-!!

...THIS COAL MINE BELONGS TO ME!!

TA-DA

CORRECT! SO FROM THIS MOMENT ON...

THESE DOCUMENTS WILL JUST BE IN THE WAY... SO...

BELIEVE IT. BUT WE'RE JUST A COUPLE OF VAGABONDS GOING FROM PLACE TO PLACE.

SMIRK

WHAT .. AFRAID YOU CAN'T AFFORD IT?

HOW MUCH ?

YOU WANT TO SELL IT TO US?

FWAP

AFTER ALL, THIS DEED IS PRINTED ON HIGH QUALITY GOATSKIN PARCHMENT, STAMPED WITH A GOLD SEAL.

GRR

IF YOU WANT SOMETHING, YOU HAVE TO PAY THE PRICE.

WELL, THIS IS JUST A LAYMAN'S OPINION... BUT TAKING ALL THIS INTO ACCOUNT...

BLAH BLAH

AND ***HEY!*** THE KEY IS MADE OF REAL ***SILVER!***

HMM... THIS IS THE WORK OF A TRUE ***ARTIST.***

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT IN A SPECTACULAR FEAT OF CRAFTSMANSHIP, THE DEPOSIT BOX IS INLAID WITH POWDERED JADE.

BLAH BLAH

BLAH BLAH

BLAH BLAH

WOULD THAT BE FAIR, CHIEF?

...HOW ABOUT THE PRICE OF ONE NIGHT'S STAY AND TWO MEALS FOR TWO AT YOUR PLACE?

HA HA..

HA HA HA HA! YOU'RE RIGHT, THAT *IS* EXPENSIVE!!

OH.. THE EQUIVALENT EXCHANGE..

SOLD!!

I'LL BUY IT!!

BANG

WHAAAT!?

I JUST SOLD THE DEED TO THE MINE TO THE CHIEF HERE.

WELL, WELL, LIEUTENANT.

SLAM

MR. ALCHEMIST, SIR, WHAT IS THE *MEANING* OF THIS!!?

CAN YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN THAT !?

NO, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M HERE FOR! THE GOLD BARS YOU GAVE ME HAVE ALL TURNED TO *ROCK!*

WE EXCHANGED THE PILE OF GOLD FOR THE OWNERSHIP DOCUMENTS! THIS IS *FRAUD!*

PLEASE DON'T ACT DUMB!

I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ANY "GOLD BARS." ♪

RIGHT BEFORE I LEFT.

..WHEN DID YOU CHANGE IT BACK?

WHAT !?

SEE, YOU SIGNED IT! IT SAYS SO RIGHT HERE.

HUH? THE DEED WAS GIVEN TO ME FREE OF CHARGE.

LOOM

HUH ?

YOU TWO! TAKE THOSE DOCu-MENTS FROM THEM! *NOW!*

THIS DEAL IS NULL AND VOID!

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET HURT YOU BETTER..

SH.. SHUT UP. OUT OF MY WAY, YOU SCUM!

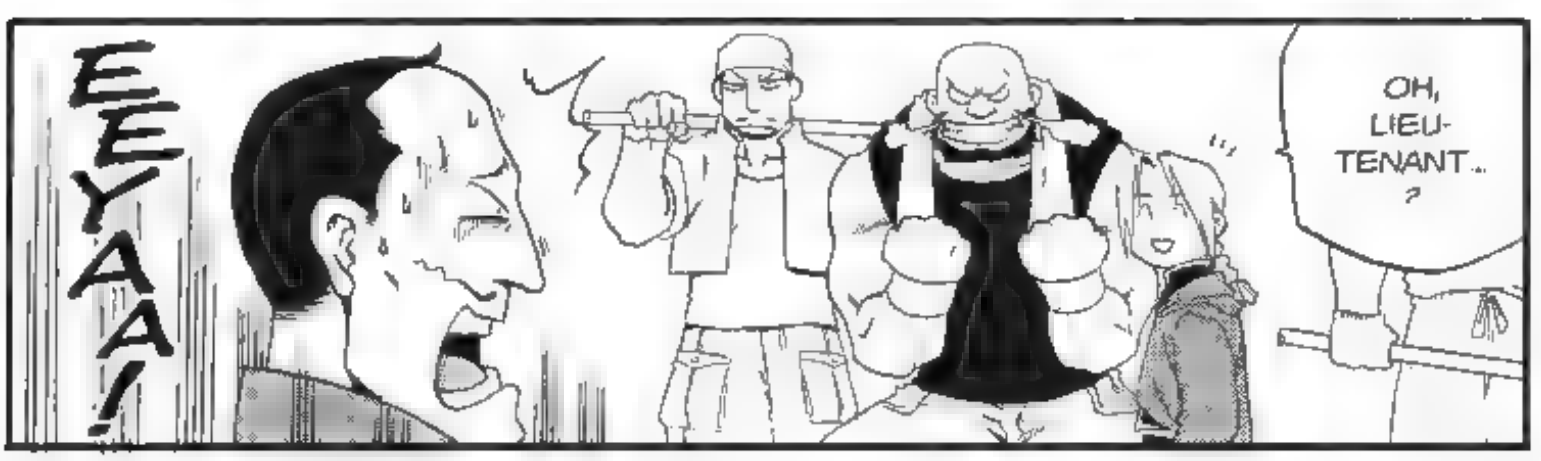
ABUSING YOJR POWER, EH?

IT'S NOT RIGHT TO TRY AND TAKE SOMEONE'S PROPERTY BY FORCE.

CRACK CRACK

LIEUTENANT... IT'S NOT GOOD TO UNDER-ESTIMATE THE STRENGTH OF COAL-MINERS.

BONK
EEK!
PLONK
WHAM
BAM
SHATTER


EEYAA!
OH, LIEU-TENANT...?

I'LL BE SURE TO TELL THE HIGHER-UPS ABOUT YOUR *CORRUPTION* AND *INCOMPETENCE* TOO.

SMILE

SLUMP

SO PLEASE LOOK FORWARD TO IT. ♡

WE DID IT! BRING OUT THE BOOZE!

WHOO HOO

ALL RAAII-IGHT!

DAD...

...ED HADN'T SOLD HIS SOUL AFTER ALL.

YOU CAN'T GET BIG UNLESS YOU DRINK!

DON'T GIVE ALCOHOL TO MINORS

DRINK UP!

YEAH, I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.

WHAT!? WHEN I WAS YOU GUYS AGE.

SHNORRRRR

TSK TSK

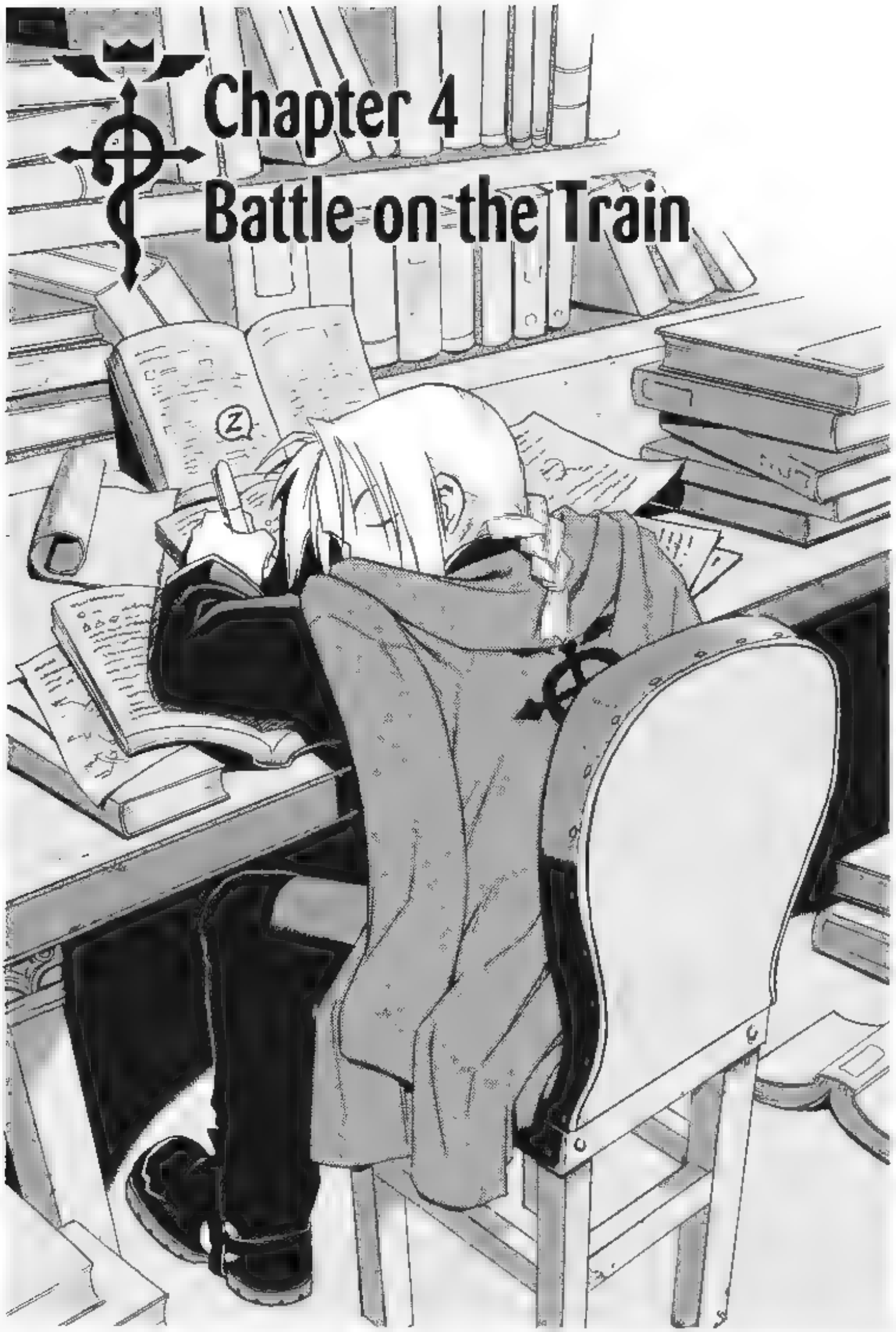
SHEESH, ED! YOU'RE SO SLOPPY!

YOU'RE SLEEPING WITH YOUR STOMACH OUT AGAIN!

I CAN'T EAT ANOTHER BITE...

OOOH

Chapter 4
Battle on the Train



GWOOO
WHEE!

BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR WORK, DEAR?
CLATTER CLATTER
WHEEE!
NOW REMEMBER.. YOU PROMISED THAT YOU'D PLAY WITH ME WHEN WE GOT THERE!

HA HA HA..! DON'T GET TOO EXCITED OR YOU'LL WEAR YOURSELF OUT.
KLATTA
DAD, WE'RE GOING SO FAST! THIS IS GREAT!
KLATTA
KLATTA

CLOMP
CLOMP
WHAM
I FINALLY GOT THIS VACATION. I DON'T SEE THE HARM IN FORGETTING ABOUT WORK FOR AWHILE AND JUST SPENDING TIME WITH MY FAMILY.

WHO *ARE* YOU PEOPLE? YOU'RE RUDE...

!!

YOU'RE GENERAL HAKURO, RIGHT?

SORRY FOR DISTURBING YOUR FAMILY GATHERING, GENERAL.

THE VACATION'S OVER.

GWWOOOOOOO

FROM HERE ON, IT WILL BE A TRIP OF THRILLS AND DESPAIR.

THE HIJACKED TRAIN WAS LIMITED EXPRESS NO. 04840, DEPARTING FROM NEW OPTAIN.

THIS IS THE WORK OF THE "BLUE SQUAD," A GROUP OF EASTERN EXTREMISTS.

HOW'D YOU KNOW..?

LET ME GUESS... I'M SURE IT'S FULL OF KIND WORDS FOR THE MILITARY.

CHAK

ANY STATE-MENTS?

WE RECEIVED A MANIFESTO. WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO READ IT?

NO, THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP

WE'RE VERIFYING THAT RIGHT NOW, BUT IT'S VERY LIKELY.

SO IS THE GENERAL REALLY ON BOARD?

HOW PREDICT-ABLE.

THEY WANT US TO RELEASE THEIR LEADER. WE'VE GOT HIM IN PRISON.

IT WOULDN'T HURT TO HAVE AN OVERTIME DATE WITH ***US*** ONCE IN AWHILE.

COMPLETE WITH NASTY TEA.

MAN, WHAT AM I GONNA DO? I HAVE A DATE SET UP LATER IN THE EVENING.

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS, COLONEL.

HERE IS THE LIST OF PASSEN-GERS.

ALAS

I GUESS THE GENERAL'S JUST GOING TO HAVE TO SACRIFICE HIMSELF SO THAT WE CAN WRAP THIS THING UP RIGHT AWAY..

..HOLD ON, EVERYONE! I THINK WE CAN GO HOME EARLIER TODAY THAN WE THOUGHT.

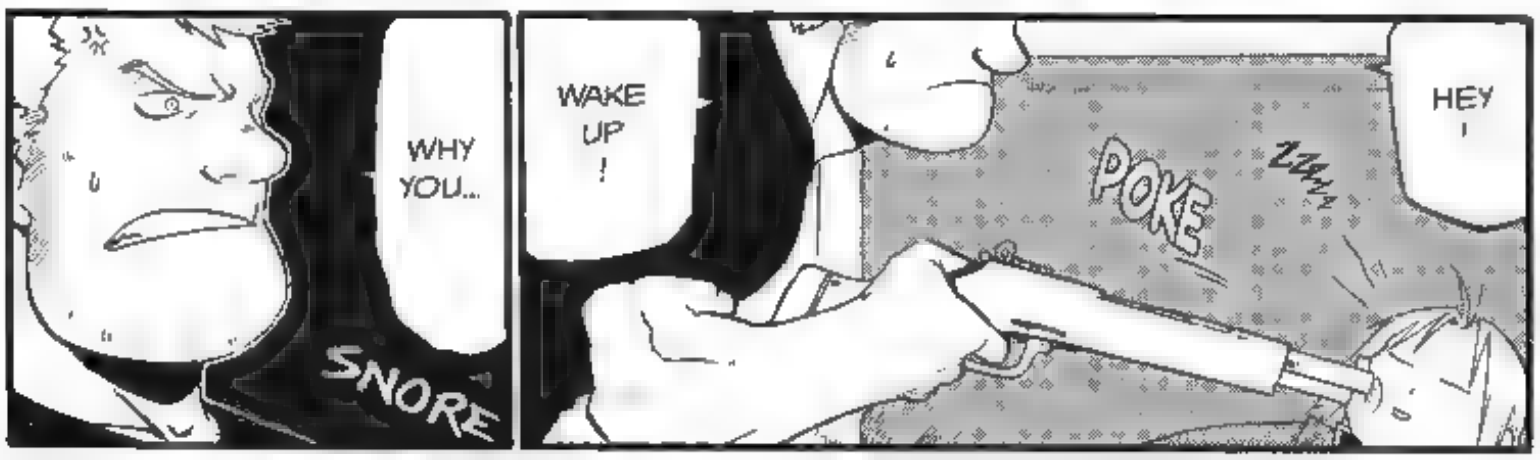
GOOD GRIEF... I'M SURE HE KNEW THAT THE SITUATION OUT EAST IS UNSTABLE, AND YET HE COMES HERE ON VACATION...

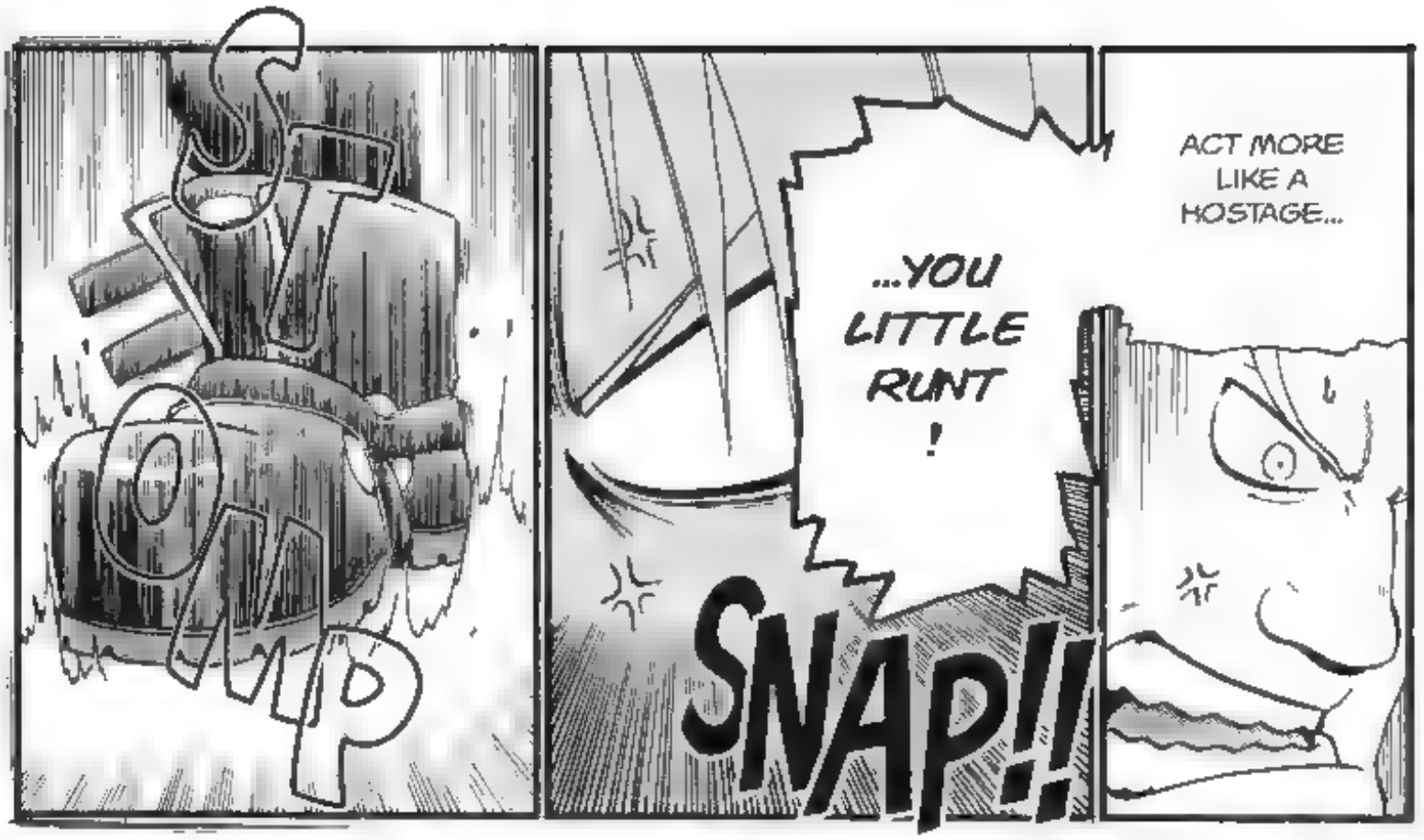
AH... OLD MAN HAKURO REALLY IS ON BOARD WITH HIS FAMILY.

THE FULL-METAL ALCHEMIST IS ONBOARD.

SNORE

BLAH BLAH
BLAH BLAH
BLAH BLAH
...HOW CAN THIS BRAT SLEEP THROUGH ALL OF THIS?


WHY YOU...
SNORE
WAKE UP !
POKE
ZZZZ
HEY !


...YOU LITTLE RUNT!
ACT MORE LIKE A HOSTAGE...
SNAP!!
OMP

WHAT? YOU GOT A PROBLEM OR SOME-THING!? HUH!?
SLIDE
RRRRR
RRRR

CLAP!

HUH?
BA ROOOOM

!?

WH-
WHAT
THE
HELL
IS
THIS
!!?

WHOA
!?

BASHOOM

OOF
!!

WAM

AW...

KERPLAT

CLANK

THAT WAS DUMB, KID.

OKAY, OKAY. THE TWO OF YOU SHOULD JUST CALM DOWN.

WHAP

WE WERE ORDERED TO KILL ALL RESISTERS.

KWEE

I DON'T WANT TO SHOOT A RUNT LIKE YOU, BUT...

BAFF

..TOO

WHAT?! YOU WANT TO FIGHT US...

BIG BROTHER! BIG BROTHER! IF YOU DON'T STOP, HE'S GONNA DIE!

HE'S A DEMON!

AAAAAA! I DIDN'T SAY ALL THAT STUFF!

WHACK

BIFF

BONK

BAMPH

YOU CALL ME A RUNT?! A DWARF? A "LITTLE PERSON" !?

SO HE WAS JUST SUBCON-SCIOUSLY REACTING TO THE WORD "RUNT"...

SIGH

SO, UM... WHO *ARE* THESE GUYS?

THERE ARE FOUR IN THE COACH CAR STANDING GUARD IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS.

BESIDES US, THERE ARE TWO MORE IN THE ENGINE ROOM AND FOUR MORE IN THE FIRST-CLASS CAR GUARDING THE GENERAL.

THAT'S IT! REALLY! THERE'S NO MORE!

AND THE REST ?

YOU CAN'T MOVE FORWARD IF YOU KEEP REGRETTING THE PAST!

IF SOMEBODY WAS MORE MATURE, THIS MIGHT HAVE ENDED PEACEFULLY.

BOY OH BOY

SIGH

WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO NOW? WHEN THEY HEAR YOU BEAT UP THEIR MEN, THEY MIGHT COME RETALIATE...!

THERE'S STILL TEN MORE OF THEM!

WH... WHO ARE YOU GUYS?

SHWOO

KLATA KLATA KLATA

WHAT'S DONE IS DONE. I'LL GO ABOVE. AL, YOU TAKE THEM FROM BELOW, ALL RIGHT?

SURE, SURE.

WE'RE ALCHEM-ISTS !!

I HAVE A BAD FEELING...

HOW UN-COOL..

SHWOOOO

WHOAAAH!! WIND PRESSURE!! WIND PRESSURE!

WOOO

HEY, WEIRD.

OUR MEN IN THE REAR AREN'T RESPOND-ING.

FZZZT

EMERG

DA SH

...WHY DON'T I GIVE IT A SHOT !

AL RIGHT

I'LL GO CHECK IT OUT.

RATTLE

KLATA

KLATA KLATA

..MAN.. THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO CALL IN TO REPORT...

AGGGHHH!

A...

RAT-TAT-TAT

BOOM

BACHING

BACHING

BACHING

WAIT A SEC...

HEY, WHAT'S...

OWW-WWW-WWW!

AGGH!

SPURT!

IT'S GONNA RICO-CHET..

OH.. I'M TOO LATE, HUH?

BOMP

TH-THE RICO-CHET... AAGH !

RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT

BACHING BACHING BACHING

WAAGH ! AAGGH !

...THE BIG... YAAH !

DOOM

ARE YOU GUYS STUPID ?

HEY, BALD.

THAT'S RIDICULOUS !

..THERE'S SOME-ONE ON-BOARD.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN ?

CONTACT WITH THE REAR CAR HAS CEASED.

THERE'S NO WAY A PASSENGER COULD CALL FOR HELP...

WE TOOK CARE OF ALL THE GUARDS, AND WE'VE CUT ALL COMMUNI-CATIONS TO THE OUTSIDE.

COULDN'T BE !

DID ONE OF US TURN TRAITOR ?

NOW'S THE TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT SURREN-DER..

..YOU SLIME.

THINGS AREN'T GOING TO GO HOW YOU WANT.

YOU FALL APART AS SOON AS YOUR LITTLE PLAN STARTS TO GO WRONG.

HMPH... YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF TRASH.

...

SPLISH

BAM

CHOOM

DON'T SPEAK UNTIL SPOKEN TO.

AGG-GGH!

NEXT TIME THE HOLE WON'T BE SO LITTLE.

CA-CHAK

DONK

RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT

DONK DONK DONK DONK DONK

BANG-BANG

KRASH

BA-BA-BANG

IT'S A RAT.

GO CHECK ABOVE.

BAM

TMP TMP TMP TMP

OW!!

WHOA, THAT WAS TOO CLOSE !

KLATA

KLATA

KLATA

GACHING

DAMMIT! JUST YOU WAIT..

MAN...

IF IT WEREN'T MY LEFT LEG, I WOULD'VE BEEN GONE.

ROAAA

FIRST, I'LL RECAPTURE THE ENGINE ROOM !!

AAARR

CHUG CHUG CHUG CHUG CHUG CHUG

AN ENGINE ROOM THIS BIG?!!

WHIZZZ

BONK KARA KARA

WHERE DID THAT...

GWOOOOO

?

KARA KARA

A BULLET ?

BAM

URMPH!!

!!

WHY YOU...

CLINK

KLANG

GAH !!?

YEAH!!

BANG BASH CLANG

TAKE THAT.

AND THAT.

AAAAAGGH

AGGHH

JUST DRIVE SAFELY, PLEASE!

KLATA

KLATA KLATA

ANYTHING I CAN DO?

HWOOO

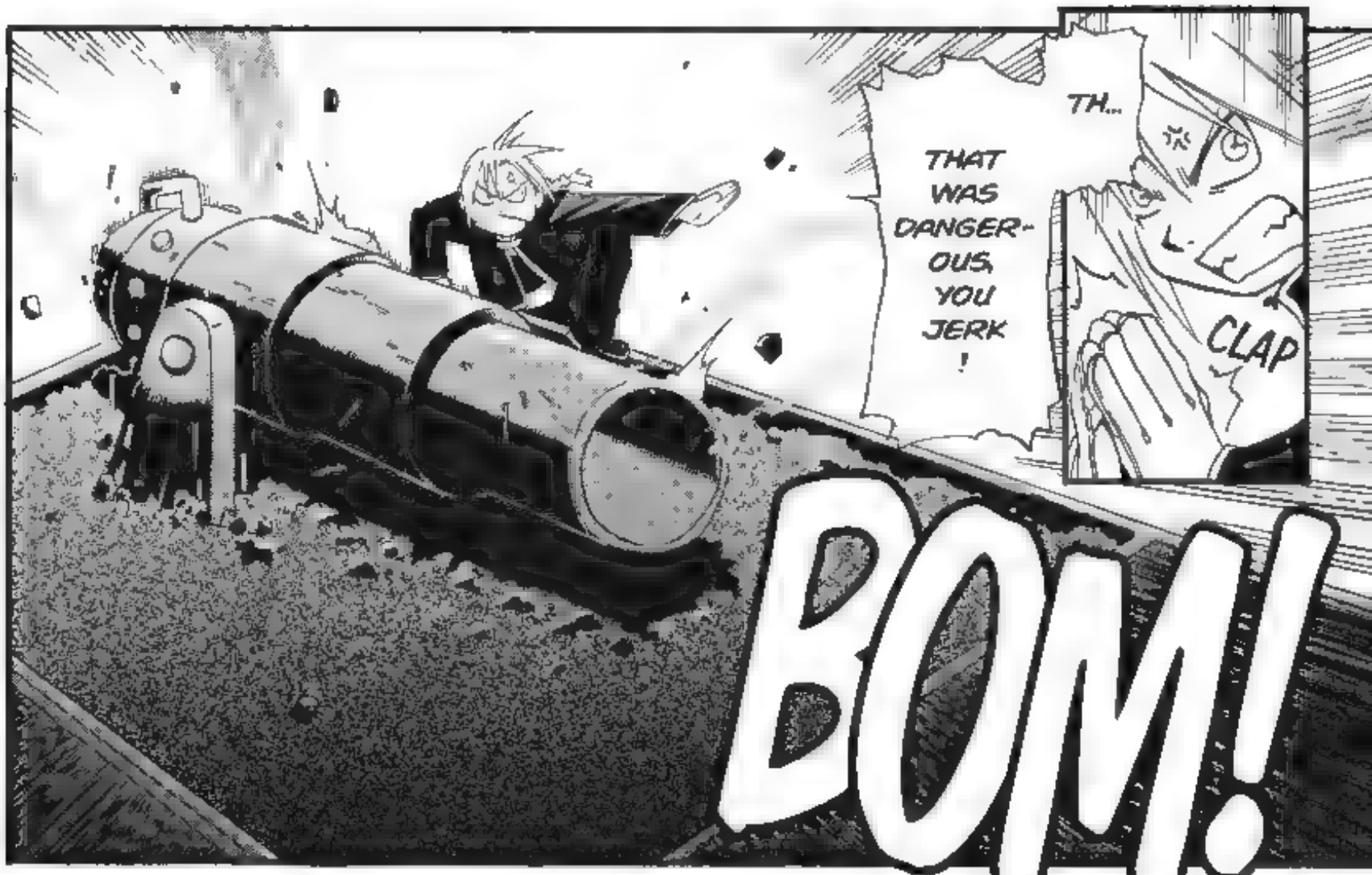
THERE YOJ ARE, *YOU RODENT.*

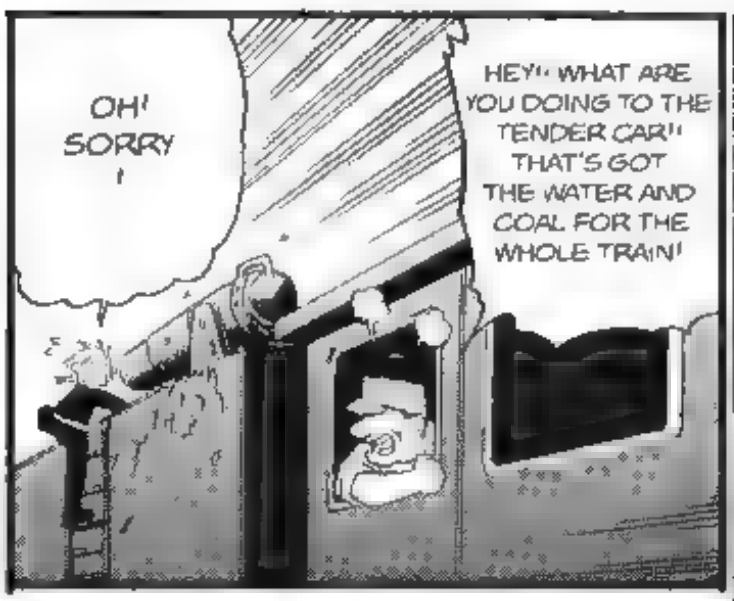
OOOO

KLATA KLATA KLATA

KUP...

YAAAH !
BLAM BLAM
BLAM


TH...
THAT WAS DANGER-OUS, YOU JERK !
CLAP
BOM!


OH! SORRY !
HEY!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO THE TENDER CAR!! THAT'S GOT THE WATER AND COAL FOR THE WHOLE TRAIN!

AAGGH!
BO
NG

BANG BANG

HMM...

COAL

WATER

Ed's Diagram

HMM? THE TENDER CAR..?

HEY, CAR NO. 2! WHAT'S GOING ON!!? HEY!!

I DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS, BUT THERE'S SOME CRAZY GUY UP THERE..!

BALD! THAT'S NO MOUSE!

ARMOR!? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING...

HELP.. THERE'S A HUGE SUIT OF ARMOR..

EMER

AGGH...

DEAD SILENCE

RAT TAT TAT TAT TAT

GYAAAAAHH!

PLOP

"FLOOP"...?

FLOOP!

1

CLANK

URK!!

HELLO. HELLO. CALLING ALL HIJACKERS.

WHAT THE...?

PLEASE LAY DOWN YOUR ARMS AND LET THE HOSTAGES GO...

IF NOT, WE WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO USE FORCE.

THIS CAR IS THE ONLY ONE LEFT.

WE HAVE RECAPTURED THE ENGINE ROOM AND THE REAR CARS.

IS THAT A WATER PIPE...?

TOO BAD... TALK'S OVER BYE.

OH MY, YOU'RE STILL GOING TO RESIST?

BAM

BA

WHAT A JOKE! I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT AS LONG AS WE HAVE THE HOSTAGES, WE'LL NEVER GIVE UP!

RUN FOR YOUR...

ALL PASSENGERS, PLEASE TAKE COVER

SKWERK

I SOOO AS

BOOM

SHOOOOSH

SHPLOSH

BWAG GGGG GHHH!

GACK

SPLORSH

TUG

KERPLASH

WELCOME.

BANG

MAN...

IT'S THE BIG SUIT OF ARMOR...

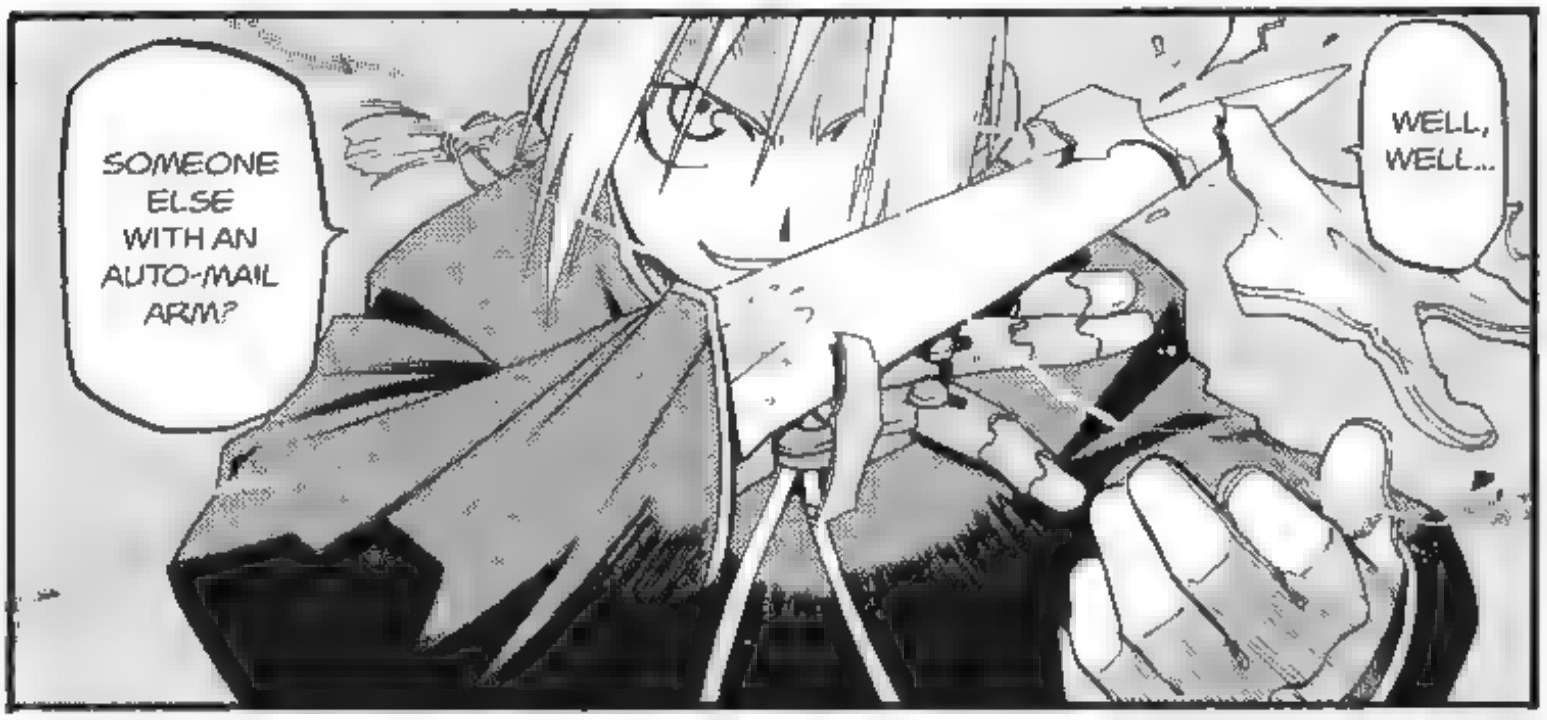
WE'RE NOT THROUGH !!

WE STILL GOT THE HOS-TAGES...

ARGH !!

GRIP

SPLASH


SOMEONE ELSE WITH AN AUTO-MAIL ARM?
WELL, WELL...

KERCHAK

YOU'RE JUST A LITTLE BRAT !

Y...

BAM

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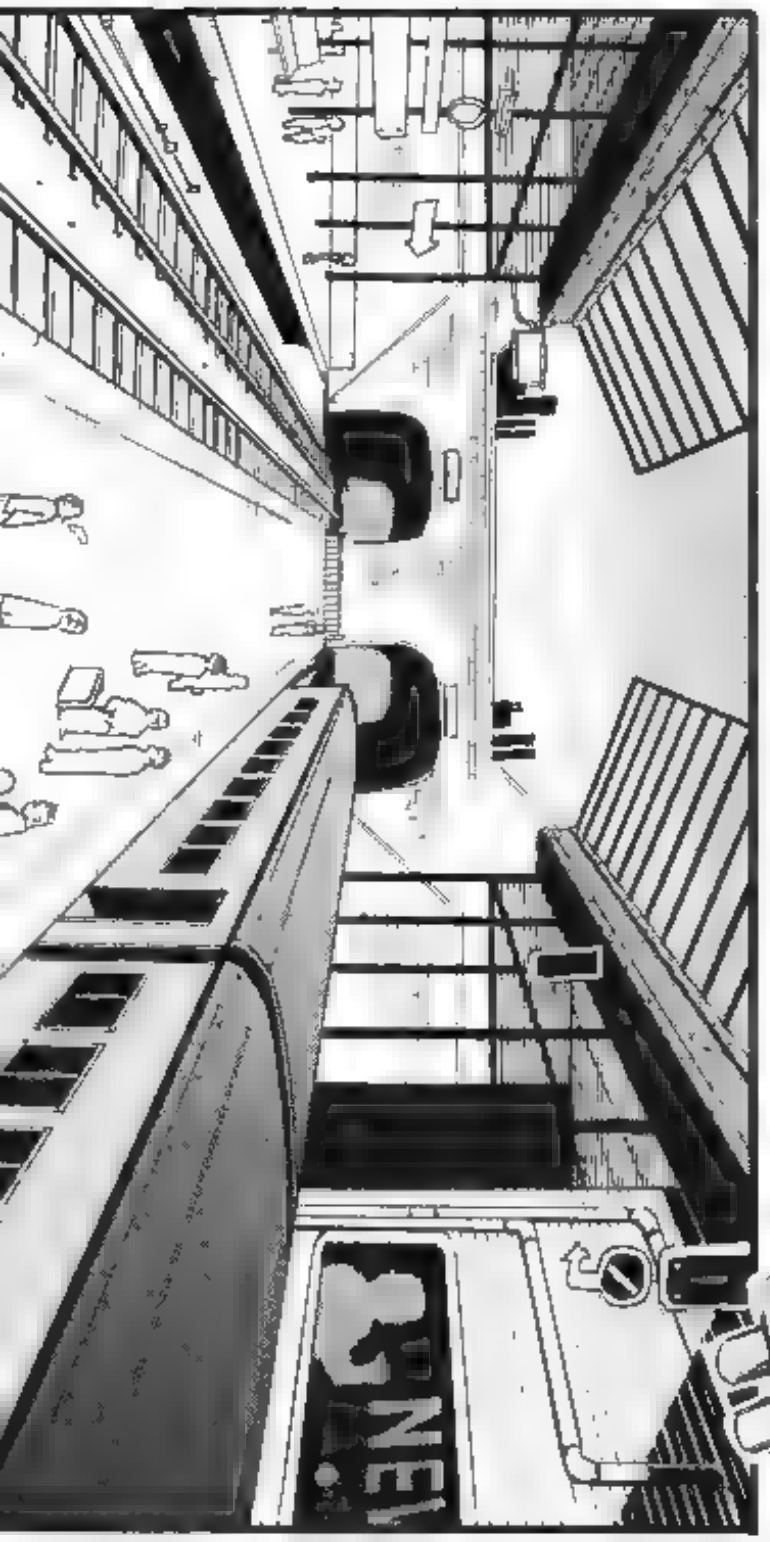
YOU KNOW..

...YOU BOUGHT THE CHEAPER MODEL, DIDN'T YOU?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OH, HELLO, COLONEL.

HEY. FULL-METAL.

@#$%... I WOULDN'T HAVE HELPED OUT IF I KNEW IT WAS IN *YOUR* DISTRICT!

WHAT'S WITH THE UNHAPPY FACE?

I GUESS YOU'RE STILL NOT BACK TO NORMAL.

...HUH ?

YOU STILL DON'T LIKE ME...

HELLO, ALPHONSE

HELLO, FIRST LIEUTENANT HAWKEYE

RIGHT NOW WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING EAST CITY, BUT WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND ANYTHING THAT MIGHT WORK.

KREEK

I PULLED AN ALL NIGHTER THE OTHER NIGHT.

I'M RESEARCHING THE ANCIENT TEXTS, BUT NOTHING YET..

FRANKLY, IT'S HARD NOT TO HEAR ABOUT YOU.

I GUESS YOU'RE AS NOSY AS EVER.

MOVE ALONG

IT SEEMS YOU'RE CAUSING QUITE A COM-MOTION.

I'VE HEARD THE RUMORS.

ARGH.

STOP HIM...

AG GGH !

AGG GGH !

HFFF...

I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS.

...

PLEASE STAY BACK, COLONEL...

WHOA.

IT'S A CONCEALED KNIFE.

TAP

WSH

RRRA AAH HHH!

FLARE

ZT ZT

SNAP

!!

BA-

ZT ZT ZT

AAGGGH!

BOOM

AGGGHGHHGHHHH!

I TOOK IT EASY ON YOU.

IF YOU TRY TO RESIST AGAIN, I'LL TURN YOU INTO ASH, GOT IT?

DONK

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That's not true.

COPPER ALCHEMIST

BIG BROTHER, YOU SHOULD HAVE PUT MY SPIRIT IN SOMETHING A LITTLE SMALLER.

THIS BODY'S A LITTLE INCONVENIENT BECAUSE IT'S TOO BIG.

THERE MUST HAVE BEEN ***SOMETHING*** BETTER!

mmph

THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO. THAT WAS THE BEST THING I COULD FIND THAT WAS HUMAN SHAPED IN THE ROOM AT THAT TIME

BOBBLE BOBBLE

BOBBLE BOBBLE

TAP TAP

TAP

I'M GOOD WITH WHAT I GOT THANKS.

BOBBLE BOBBLE

BOBBLE BOBBLE

TAP TAP TAP

ALCHEMISTS IN FULLMETAL

I'M THE STATE ALCHEMIST WITH THE RIGHT ARM AND LEFT LEG MADE OF STEEL !!

MY NAME IS EDWARD ELRIC !!

TA-DA!

TOGETHER, WE'RE THE ***INVINCIBLE ELRIC BROTHERS***!

I'M THE INVINCIBLE ALCHEMIST WHOSE ***ENTIRE BODY*** IS MADE OF STEEL!!

MY NAME IS ALPHONSE ELRIC !!

TA-DA!

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FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST I

SPECIAL THANKS TO...

KEISUI TAKAEDA-SAN
SANKICHI HINODEYA-SAN
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KEI GINKO-SAN
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FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST-- COMPLETE
HEY, THESE ARE FROM THAT FIELD TRIP!
THESE SURE BRING BACK MEM-ORIES.
WAN-NA SEE?
THEY'RE PICTURES FROM WHEN WE WERE SMALL.
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS LOOKING AT SO FONDLY?
HMM... SO THIS IS YOUR OLD ALBUM...?
TURN
MEMORIES
NOW HOLD ON A SEC!!
▲ Alphonse, 1 year old.
▼At the ocean with Edward.

WHAT HAPPENED TO NINA AND ALEXANDER ?

THE BURDEN OF THOSE WHO HAVE TURNED THEIR BACKS ON GOD AND HUMANITY...

I HATE PERCEP-TIVE BRATS LIKE YOU ...

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

GOD'S MESSENGER?

KA

ELRIC FACES A DEADLY NEW ENEMY!

BAM

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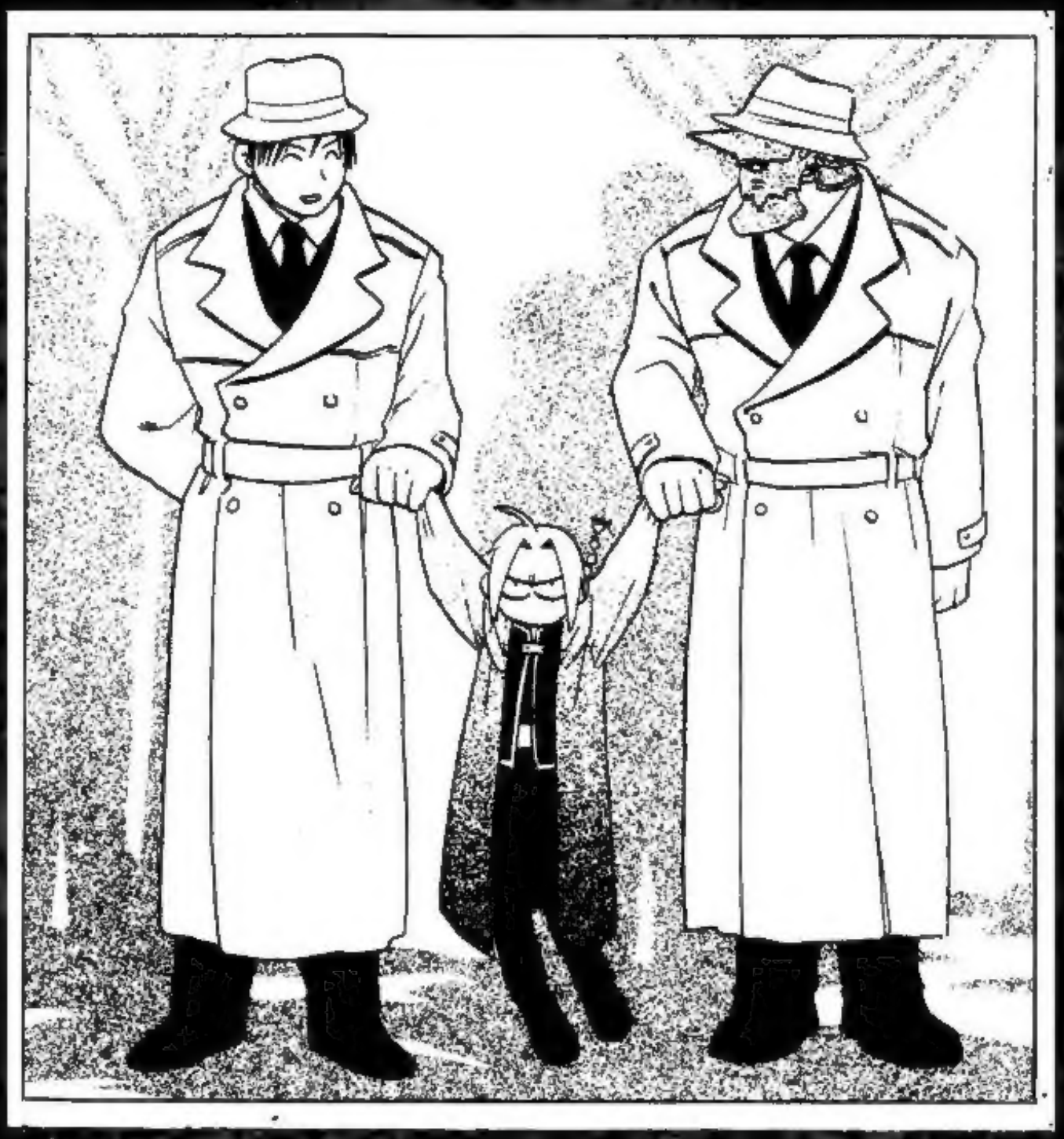

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